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DESTROYER LOST IN COLLISION

Over Hundred Dead Feared

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announced that the destroyer H.M.S. DUCHESSE was lost in a collision with another of His Majesty's ships which was not damaged.

It is feared that the only survivors were one officer and 22 ratings.

The Duchess was commanded by Lieut.-Comdr. R. C. H. White.

The Duchess is a destroyer of the Defender class, and was built under the 1930 programme, with a displacement of 1,375 tons and a normal complement of 145.

ENEMY PLANES DAMAGED

LONDON, Dec. 14 (BWS)—The Air Ministry announced early this morning that two aircraft of the Coastal Command yesterday encountered and attacked two enemy Dornier flying boats over the North Sea. Both enemy rear gunners were hit and both enemy aircraft damaged by machine-gun fire before disappearing into the clouds.

U-BOATS SUNK

The Admiralty announced early this morning that in the North Sea the same British submarine that sighted the Bremen has sunk a U-boat and torpedoed an enemy cruiser.

Chamberlain On Aerial Operations

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—Speaking in the House of Commons today Mr. Chamberlain, Prime Minister, referred to the air operations which had been carried out over enemy bases in Heligoland on Dec. 12.

Continuing, Mr. Chamberlain said that since his last statement discussions with the visiting Ministers from the Dominions and the representative of India had been completed.

There was a full exchange of views, which proved to be of the highest value, both on German strategic and diplomatic aspects on the war, also on particular problems affecting individual members of the Commonwealth.

SOVIET SHIP WRECKED WHILE NAVIGATING IN BLIZZARD: 557 DEAD

TOKYO, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—Press reports from Wakanai, North Hokkaido, reveal that the Soviet steamer Indigirka (2,336 tons) was wrecked on Tuesday, while travelling from the Kamchatka fishing grounds to Vladivostok, with 1,139 persons on board.

The vessel was navigating the Soya Straits in a blizzard during the early morning when she grounded on Kaimato Islet. A huge rent was torn in the port side and the ship filled rapidly.

The Chief Mate and nine members of the crew launched a boat and were making towards shore when the craft capsized in the very rough sea. Another boat was lowered, but four of the crew were swept away by the huge waves. Then four more were washed away, but two men reached shore and obtained assistance from the Japanese authorities.

Several Japanese boats were directed to the scene, but were unable to approach the Indigirka

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S LOAN TO U.K. GOVERNMENT

The following Press communiqué was issued yesterday:

The Hongkong Government has received from Sir Robert Ho Tung an offer to lend to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom the sum of £10,000 free of interest for two years.

This generous offer has been gratefully accepted by His Majesty's Government and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Right Honourable Sir John Simon, has addressed a personal letter of thanks to Sir Robert.

COURAGE OF FINNS

PREMIER AND LEAGUE

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—Mr. Chamberlain told the House of Commons that the Finns had been defending their country with courage and determination and the Finnish Army proved itself by far the better fighting force in everything than the enemy. (Cheers).

It is too soon to attempt to forecast its unequal struggle but its political consequences have already been far-reaching.

By their act of aggression the Soviet Government had outraged the conscience of the whole world. (Cheers).

Nevertheless, the Germans had publicly ranged themselves on the side of the aggressor whom they had even attempted to assist by a scurrilous and violent campaign against the other Scandinavian countries for their moral support of the Finnish cause.

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that last year it was decided that nations could each decide what they would do in regard to an aggressor State and said that before the question had been raised in Geneva they had decided to permit the delivery to Finland, by manufacturers concerned, of a number of fighting aircraft of which the Finnish Government were in urgent need and they intended similarly to release other material which would be of assistance to the Finnish Government.

GENERAL HELP

"General help has been forthcoming from several countries who

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NEWEST OF GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIPS BADLY DAMAGED: INTENSE ACTION WITH BRITISH CRUISERS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

GALLANT FIGHT BY THREE COMPARATIVELY SMALL BRITISH SHIPS—PREMIER

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—Although full details are not yet available, I think it is apparent that a very gallant action was fought by three comparatively small British ships against a much more heavily armed adversary, the result of which may well be to free the South Atlantic from the depredations of this raider," remarked the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, amid cheers, when he gave an account of the naval battle in the House of Commons today in the course of his review on the progress of the war.

The Premier said, "Shortly after six o'clock yesterday morning, Commodore Harwood, in H.M.S. Ajax, reported he was in contact with a German pocket battleship. Thereupon, with H.M.S. Exeter and H.M.S. Achilles, he attacked the enemy who made off in the direction of Montevideo.

"During the action, which was of a severe character, the Exeter received damage which reduced her speed and forced her to drop out of the fight.

PURSUIT CONTINUED

"The two cruisers continued the pursuit and about midnight the German ship, which turned out to be the Admiral Graf Spee, carrying six 11-inch guns, took refuge within territorial waters and is now anchored off Montevideo."

Mr. Chamberlain referred to the 36 dead and 60 wounded as stated by the German Minister at Uruguay who said that these were alleged to be due to the use by the British cruisers of mustard gas.

"This is a characteristic statement, of course, without foundation. No gas shells or grenades have ever been made for or used by any ships in His Majesty's Navy. Members will have also welcomed the news that the Bremen submarine had sunk a U-boat and torpedoed an enemy cruiser."

COAL SHORTAGE IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—The poor conditions of German railways are reported in many parts of the country and the lack of transportation has resulted in a shortage of coal in Berlin.

Dealers are asked to sell coal only to those who have not any.

RUSSIANS SEIZE EGGS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—Reports receive here state that the Russians have seized truck loads of eggs destined for Germany from Rumania which passed through Soviet-occupied Poland.

Importers in Germany have asked exporters in Rumania not to send goods via Poland but through Hungary.

Civilians Slaughtered In Kiangsi

LINCHWAN, KIANGSI, Dec. 14 (Central)—According to investigation, 4,370 Chinese civilians were allegedly slaughtered in the 4th and 5th counties of Koaan Hsieh, Kiangsi during the Japanese occupation and some 300 captured. Houses burned numbered 44,200 while 146,000 piculs of rice and 1,700 pigs, cows and horses were seized.

About 80 per cent. of the houses in the western suburbs of Fenchin, 23 miles west of Nanchang, were also set on fire and large numbers of cattle and farming implements were seized.

NEWEST OF 3 NAZI POCKET BATTLESHIPS

The ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE is the newest of the three German pocket battleships, the others being the DEUTSCHLAND and the ADMIRAL SCHEER.

It was completed in January, 1936, with a normal complement of 926, a speed of 26 knots and a displacement of 10,000 tons. It carries six 11-inch guns, eight 5.9 inch, 14 anti-aircraft guns and two aircraft.

The pocket battleships cost £3,750,000 each, according to Reuter.

BRITISH TACTICS PRAISED

Graf Spee Was Easy Target

Special to the H.K. Daily Press. MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (Havas)—Interviewed by Havas, the British Vice-Consul at Punta Del Este stated that the German battleship started to fire while 12 miles off Maldonado. She was immediately attacked by the three British cruisers which were within ten miles from her.

Local naval authorities greatly praise the British tactics in attacking the German warship which was compelled to navigate near the coast thereby to reduce speed as coastal navigation is dangerous off the Argentine shores.

The Admiral Graf Spee became an easy target for British shells and suffered heavy damage: her control turret was completely destroyed, heavy guns disabled and aircraft wrecked.

There were many holes in her hull.

TRAWLER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announced at 1.30 p.m. (G.M.T.) that His Majesty's trawler William Hallett had been sunk by a mine. There was only one survivor.

NINE MEN LOST

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—The crew of a British tanker torpedoed in the Atlantic arrived yesterday at a south coast port. They stated that if the U-Boat had given only three minutes warning, all on board could have been saved. Nine men went down with the ship however.

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11-Inch Guns On Admiral Graf Spee Disabled: Planes Wrecked: 36 Crew Dead, Sixty Wounded

FOLLOWING an intense battle in the South Atlantic with three British warships, H.M.S. Exeter, H.M.S. Achilles and H.M.S. Ajax, under the command of Commodore H. H. Harwood, the newest of the three German pocket battleships, Admiral Graf Spee, is lying in a badly damaged condition in Montevideo Harbour.

According to British Wireless, a German official report states that 36 of her crew are dead and 60 wounded.

REUTER STATES THAT THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE'S 11-INCH GUNS WERE PUT OUT OF ACTION WHILE THE TWO AIRCRAFT ON BOARD THE SHIP WERE DISABLED.

H.M.S. EXETER, WHICH WAS FORCED TO REDUCE SPEED AND COMPELLED TO DROP OUT OF THE ENGAGEMENT, IS NOT BELIEVED TO BE GREATLY DAMAGED.

Another British Wireless message reveals that the hull and superstructure of the German pocket battleship are damaged. Ambulances awaited her arrival at the inner harbour at Montevideo and removed the casualties to hospital.

According to Reuter, the cruisers Ajax and Achilles are reported to have steamed away from Montevideo as they were not seen from the shore yesterday morning.

How long the Admiral Graf Spee will be able to remain in Montevideo depends on the definition of her seaworthiness. If the Uruguayan authorities decide that she is seaworthy then she can only remain 24 hours, but if she is damaged she will be allowed to remain to carry out such repairs as to make her seaworthy, but she cannot replenish her armament or munitions.

CONTACT ESTABLISHED

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—The New York Times states that the British cruisers established contact with the German pocket battleship six times during the morning.

The German ship attacked H.M.S. Ajax while the latter was conveying the French liner Formosa near the mouth of the River Plate.

H.M.S. Exeter and H.M.S. Achilles responded to a call from the Ajax and came up at full speed. They opened fire on the German vessel which was repeatedly hit, especially by shells from the Exeter.

The four ships fought an intense battle from 6 to 10 o'clock in the morning.

The German vessel directed her main efforts on the Exeter as all four ships ran southward. After passing Punta Deleste, the British ships turned westward in order to get advantage of the sun which placed the pocket battleship in silhouette. This caused the German ship to change her course drastically to the south-east when the British cruisers continued firing until well after dusk.

Under cover of darkness, the German vessel again changed course and finally reached Montevideo.

LIST ON EXETER

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—It is reported here that H.M.S. Exeter, which dropped out of the battle, has a slight list.

NOT MENTIONED

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—The encounter between the pocket

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Mustard Gas Allegation Groundless

LONDON, Dec. 14 (BWS)—Late in the forenoon Admiralty issued a communiqué as follows: "Press reports to the effect that the German Legation in Montevideo is alleging that the casualties on board the Graf Spee were mostly caused because the British used mustard gas grenades. This allegation is entirely without foundation. No mustard gas grenades or shells have ever been made for, or used by, the Royal Navy."

KING'S PRESENCE STIMULATED TROOPS

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—After referring to the visit of the King to the front line where all ranks were stimulated by his presence and gave His Majesty the warmest of welcomes, Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons, mentioned that British troops have now taken their place in a sector of the Maginot Line side by side with our French allies.

Certain British units are now facing the enemy in the outpost line in this sector whence patrols maintained touch with the enemy.

CHINESE CONTINUE DRIVES IN HUNAN AND KIANGSI: MORE GUERRILLA ACTIVITY

CHUNGKING, Dec. 14 (Central)—The Chinese are continuing their drives in North Hunan, South Hupeh and North Kiangsi.

After losing Taolin, Hsintang and Yanglowsze, strategic points along the outer defence lines of Yoyang (Yochow), the Japanese launched a counter-attack, but were repulsed. Continuing their attacks, the Chinese have recaptured Wulpai, north-east of Yoyang, and is tightening the cordon around Yoyang.

In South Hupeh, the Chinese column responsible for the recapture of Tsungyang and Tashaping is pushing southward to meet another column driving northward in a pincer movement against Tungcheng.

A Chinese detachment, in the meantime, has wiped out 100 Japanese at Yentunling, and is now attacking Chishan.

Another Chinese unit has crossed the Yun River and is subjecting the Japanese at Yunchachai and Maanshan to an enveloping attack.

Fighting is also proceeding at Chankowien, northwest of Yinchuan.

Szechuan is threatened by a

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In the World of Sports

ENFORCED POSTPONEMENT OF NEW CLUB HOUSE AT FANLING

Satisfactory Year At R.H.K.G.C. Meeting

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to report that, bearing in mind the times through which we are passing, the period under review has, as I think you will agree, been very satisfactory. By this I do not mean to suggest that all our ambitions for the year have been realized because they have not; the most notable exception being the enforced postponement of the long awaited new club house at Fanling."

These remarks were made by Mr. A. E. Lissaman when he presided at the annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, yesterday afternoon. The chairman was supported by Col. E. D. Matthews, Secretary, and there was a large attendance of members. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Lissaman said:—

The year started extremely well with our Courses as popular as ever, and under the experienced captaincy of Mr. Archbutt prospects were rosy, it being anticipated that the main feature would be that of the approval and subsequent commencement on the new club house scheme.

Actually, as you know, a Special General Meeting of the Club on March 10 approved of the scheme propounded by the General Committee and all arrangements were made for work to start in September; but the trend of world events at that time caused your Committee to review the situation and upon taking into consideration the uncertainty of the future, the probable difficulty in obtaining materials before the building would be completed, extra cost of materials and increased cost to members, it was finally decided to postpone the scheme. Plans have been completed, but apart from the cost of these no other liabilities have been incurred.

The year that began so well ended of course under the gloom of War. This has affected many members and curtailed their play. It is an ill wind however that blows nobody any good and your Committee have been able to extend to all subscribers playing facilities over weekends, a privilege of which they have availed themselves considerably and for which they have expressed their gratitude.

SUCCESSFUL VISIT

In October 1938 we had a successful visit from a team of Shanghai Golfers. This was not one of the usual Interport matches but was a gesture of friendship towards the Golfers of the Northern Port. In January also a pleasant match was arranged against a team of the Royal Navy. In neither case however could the opposition be called representative.

Work during the year on the Courses at Fanling consisted mostly of draining the low lying areas on the New Course and enlarging their somewhat feeble bunkers. The work was carried out by Mr. Hitchins with his usual ability and attention though he was hampered up to the end of June by excessive rainfall. After that date far less rain fell than usual, and in consequence the newly laid turf is not at the moment as good as it might be.

You may have noticed too that we have been suffering since October from the effects of drought in the form of grubs and weeds in the greens and that the Courses have been unduly burnt up; the typhoon was welcome but it came too late. Whilst on the subject of Courses I may say a plan has been under consideration for adding another nine holes to the Reller Course. This can be done at small cost and without materially affecting the New Course. Unfortunately, the Greens Committee have not had time to work out the details in full, but in any case the present time is not thought appropriate to embark on such a scheme.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary

Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1939.

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PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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H.K. CRICKET CLUB TEAMS

The following are the Hongkong Cricket Club teams for Saturday, at 2 p.m.:
1st XI v. K. C. C. at Kowloon:
T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. de S. Carey, G. P. Charlton, A. T. Dow, Lt. Com. A. H. Fignie, J. H. Fox, R. D. Gillespie, M. F. L. Haynes, I. D. Kilbee, J. L. C. Pearce, L. T. Ride.

2nd XI v. University, at H. K. C. C.:
E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, H. J. D. Lowe, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker, T. M. Sulter.

Craigengower Cricket Club Team

The following have been selected to represent the Craigengower Cricket Club against the Middlesex Regt. on Saturday, commencing at 2 p.m.:—
A. R. H. Esmail (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulce, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, Scorer—H. W. Randall; Umpire—G. Ladd.

COLONY LADIES TENNIS

In the Colony Ladies' Singles Lawn Tennis Tournament, Miss R. Rumjahn defeated Mrs. A. C. Hutchison on Sunday. The scores were 6-0, 6-3.

Among other items in the year was the occurrence in May last of the Club's Golden Jubilee. Successful competitions were held in celebration, and cables of congratulation were received from our friends of both the leading Shanghai Clubs and the Lucifer Golfing Society.

CADDIE STRIKE

A caddie strike at Fanling at the beginning of the Summer caused but slight inconvenience to members. The situation demanded and received firm handling and after a slight purge and some small changes in the organization, the situation has since been, I think, quite satisfactory. Regarding this particular subject, there is one thing I would like to ask and that is for members and others not to take matters into their own hands, whatever the provocation, in the course of a round. This may in some cases be asking a lot, but I would remind you that our caddies at Fanling have to leave us when they are 18; thus the bulk of them must necessarily be small boys some of whom lack experience.

Our very efficient method of caddie reports is quite sufficient to enable offenders to be dealt with through proper channels and the use of any other method acts against the interests not only of the individual member but also of those of the Club. I recall Mr. Dodwell's dictum "an ounce of encouragement is worth a ton of abuse," and in order that members may not suffer unduly from the effects of a day in the country with a caddie not quite up to standard, that "ounce of encouragement" is being given by the Club in the form of caddie classes which have this year been inaugurated on a small scale under an ex-caddie. I hope members will assist in this experiment by coaching their caddies during their rounds.

At Happy Valley a caddie scheme on the same lines as at Fanling has been introduced and has been very successful in abolishing the former scrambling and fighting for jobs. On the same course too, a complete new water system has been installed replacing many very old pipes.

Once again our members and others have contributed to the Children's Playground Association over \$750 through the Club accounts alone.

ARRANGEMENTS UPSET

The Secretary's and Superintendent's agreements have both been before your Committee, but here again the War has intervened and Continued on Back Page

HOCKEY ASSCN. COUNCIL MTG.

Macao Interport: New Corner Rule

A meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Hockey Association was held yesterday evening at St. Andrew's Church Hall, those present being Lt. G. W. Hook, R.A., in the chair, Mr. D. T. Smith, Hon. Secretary, and Lt. J. F. Gunner, R.N.

A letter from the Chanticleer Sports Club, conveying the decision of the club to withhold further application for affiliation to the Association until after the annual general meeting next year was read.

It was decided that receipt of the letter be duly acknowledged, and the letter be brought up again at the last meeting of the Council before the annual general meeting with a recommendation for its perusal by the incoming Council.

MACAO INTERPORT

A letter from Mr. Clement A. Braga, Hon. Secretary of the Macao Hockey Association, was then read. It was dated November 26. The letter stated that a date arranged for an Interport match in February next year, during the Chinese New Year holidays, would be acceptable to Macao.

The letter further requested the local Association that teams from Hongkong travel to Macao during week-ends for matches against Macao teams. It was decided by the meeting that local clubs be circulated with regard to the request from Macao.

SHORT CORNER RULE

The proposed new short corner rule came up again for discussion. A letter was read from the Hongkong Hockey Umpires' Association recommending that the new rule be adopted.

The rule provides that when a short corner hit is taken, no player other than the goal-keeper be allowed between the goal posts, and no player will be permitted within 10 yards of the nearer goal post or five yards of the farther goal post.

It was decided to circulate clubs and umpires to the effect that the Council approved of the recommendation of the Umpires' Association, and would request clubs to experiment with the rule whenever possible.

Umpires would also be requested to help with the experiment by sending in reports to the Hon. Secretary of the number of short corners awarded in a match and the consequent goals scored.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BADMINTON LEAGUE—Mixed Doubles, Recreio "A" v. K.C.C.; B. Division, Kowloon Tong v. St. Teresa's.

FOOTBALL—Annual Dinner, Football Referees' Association, Hotel Cecil, 8.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

HOCKEY—Caer Clark Cup, C.B.S. v. C.B.A., C.B.S., St. Andrew's v. Hongkong, King's Park, Y.M.C.A. v. Recreio, Y.M.C.A., 3 p.m. Brawn Cup, D.G.S. v. Y.M.C.A., D.G.S., Recreio v. Argonauts, King's Park, 3 p.m.; C.B.S. v. C.B.A., C.B.S., 4.15 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—First Division, Police v. South China A. Boundary Street; Kowloon v. Eastern, Kowloon; Club v. Royal Scots, Club, 4 p.m. Second Division A. Kit Chee v. South China, Caroline Hill; 5th A.A. v. Eastern, Happy Valley; Club v. 30th R.A., Club, 2.30 p.m. R.A.O.C. v. 8th R.A. Happy Valley 4 p.m. Second Division B. Kwong Wah v. Royal Scots, Boundary Street; Kowloon v. Police, Kowloon; Engineers v. R.A.F., Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.; University v. Signals, Happy Valley, 4 p.m. Third Division South China v. 12th R.A., Caroline Hill; Engineers v. R.A.S.C., Chatham Road, 4 p.m. 24th R.A. v. Kumon, Stanley; Royal Scots v. R.A.M.C., Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.

RACING—Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m. **RUGBY**—Triangular tournament, Army v. Navy, Sookunpoo, 4 p.m. Club v. Police, Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.

Variable And Tricky Wind Accounts For Low Scoring At Postal Match Shoot

Seventy members took part in the spoon and practice shoot and Overseas 303 full Range Postal Match on Wednesday afternoon.

Conditions were far from ideal as, although the light was good, the wind was very variable and tricky. The latter accounted for some comparatively low scores at 300 yards.

Both teams improved at 500 yards while the S.R. (b) team scored more points at 600 yards than at 300 yards.

CPL. LANGFORD

The outstanding achievement of the match was that of Cpl. Langford 1/Middlesex, who with open sight, scored 44, 47, and 42, making 133 out of a possible 150.

This was equalled by Sgt. Russell, H.K. Police firing with aperture sights who scored 46, 44, and 43.

As regards most of the other members of the teams, performances did not come up to expectations. Results should be known some time in March 1940.

SPOON SHOOT

In the spoon shoot, in which the teams did not take part, nett spoons were won by F/Sgt. F. Tullison, R.A.F. and P/Sgt. Chanchal Singh, H.K. Police while Handicap

P.S. K. C. Hoo... 2 30 30 31 83
A.S.P. D. Lole... 3 22 31 29 82

S.R. (A)

F/Sgt. F. Tullison 5 27 29 32 88
P.C. Charan Singh 5 28 29 28 85

S.I. H. O. Tso... nil 27 25 27 79

L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios 8 27 28 24 79

L/Cpl. A. D'Aquino 5 24 29 25 78

A.C. W. H. Golder 11 23 28 22 73

Cpl. J. C. Remedios 11 25 27 20 72

Bdms. D. Bolam 9 23 31 18 72

Lt. F. V. V. Ribeiro 6 21 26 24 71

Spr. E. W. Allo... 8 23 25 23 71

L.A.C. T. H. Storey 9 27 23-21 71

Pte. R. M. B. Gutierrez 13 21 28 21 70

Cpl. A. F. Ferreira 14 20 25 23 68

Mr. J. Hargreaves 11 21 28 19 68

Bdms. K. Nix... 11 22 28 18 66

Pte. R. A. Castro 10 25 25 15 65

(N) winner of Nett spoon.

(H) winner of Handicap spoon.

Winners of spoons will have handicaps reduced by one point.



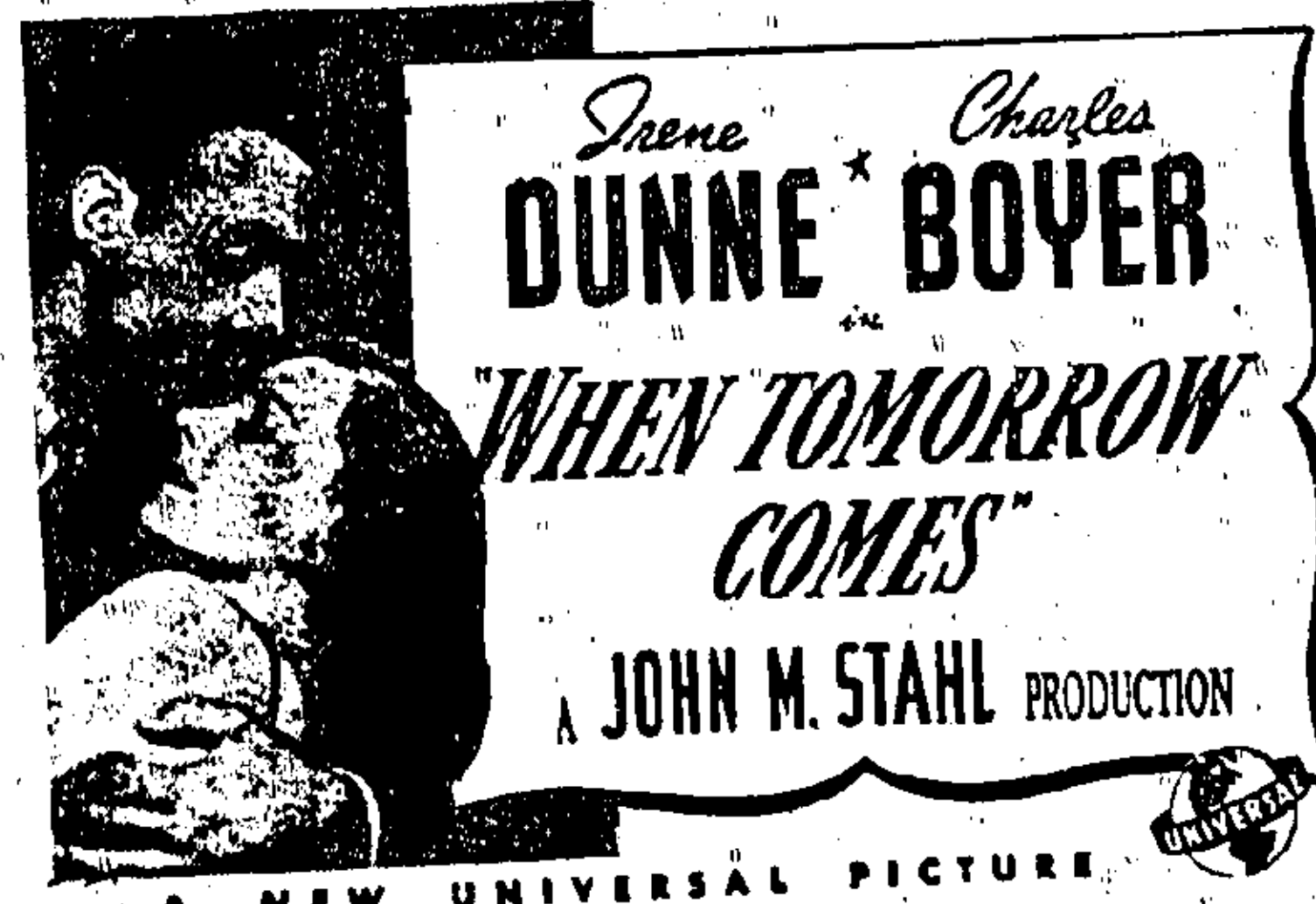
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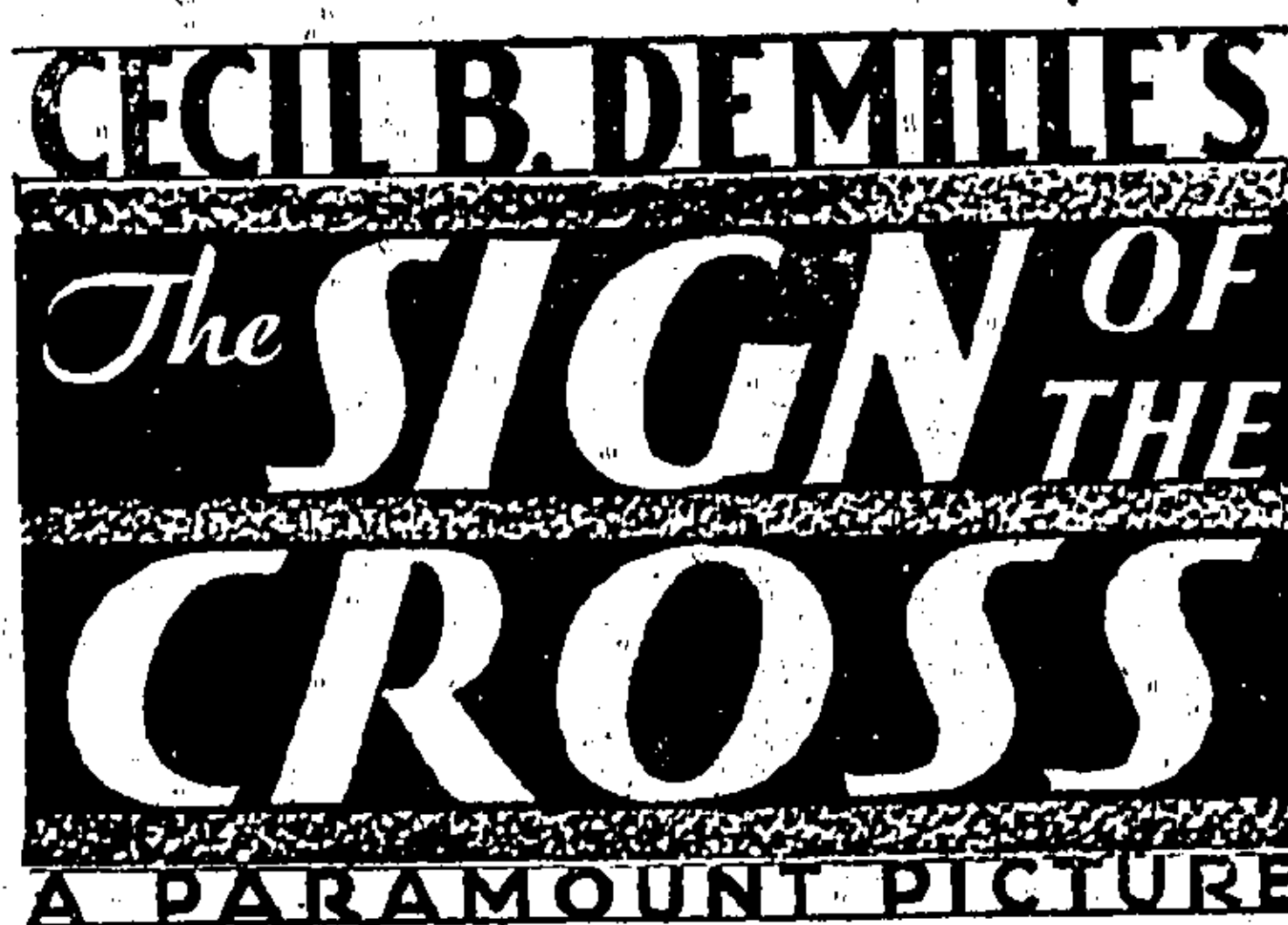


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TO-MORROW: "DAWN PATROL"

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Lightning action, thrilling romance and exciting adventure are in store for moviegoers when they witness Edward Small's new romantic drama, "The Man in the Iron Mask" which opens at the Majestic Theatre tomorrow. The new film production stars Louis Hayward and Joan Bennett

as a new romantic duo, and features such top-notch supporting players as Warren William, Alan Hale, Joseph Schildkraut, Miles Mander, Walter Kingsford, Marian Martin, Montagu Love and Bert Roach. In addition to the first rate performances turned in by the stars credit goes to Warren William as D'Artagnan, Joseph Schildkraut as the crafty minister of State, Alan Hale and Miles Mander as the other Musketeers.

COMING EVENTS

DEC.
15—Tides: High 1.57 p.m. and 11.21 a.m. Low 6.22 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: No! No! Nanette—9.30 p.m.
Central British Assn. Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.
University Women Undergraduates Club Concert in Great Hall, 8.45 p.m.
National Women's Relief Assn. Charity Bazaar, Causeway Bay Chinese Recreation Club, 3 p.m.—10 p.m.
H.K. Football Referees Assn. Annual Dinner, Hotel Cecil, 8.30 p.m.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd., third interim dividend payable.
H.K. Chamber Music Recital, Club Concert at Govt. House, 9.30 p.m.
Hoop Yunn Girls' School Speech Day, 5.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Badminton, 6 p.m.
Social Evening at Police Recreation Club, Happy Valley, 8.30 p.m.
Servicemen's Dance, S. & S. Home, 8.30 p.m.
Criminal Sessions Open, 9.30 p.m.
Jumble Sale by Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild, 3 p.m.
Christian Fellowship, Helena May Inst, 10.30 a.m.
Toc H. Chatter Room, St. Andrew's, 6.45 p.m.
H.K. Union Church Women's Guild, Kennedy Road, 3 p.m.
Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
16—Tides: High 2.26 p.m. and 11.48 p.m. Low 6.59 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
H.K. Jockey Club's 13th Extra Meeting, 2 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: No! No! Nanette—9.30 p.m.
National Women's Relief Assn. Charity Bazaar, Causeway Bay Chinese Recreation Club, 10 a.m.—10 p.m.
St. Stephen's Girls' College: Sale of Work in aid of War relief and local charities, 11 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. Rehearsal, 8.30 p.m.
Exhibition by Ernie Freedlander, St. Andrew's Hall, 8 p.m.
Choir: Recital at Hop Yat Church, 8.30 p.m.
"Family Show" at Chinese Y.W. C.A., 8.15 p.m.
Rugby: Triangular Tournament.
17—Tides: High 3.15 p.m.; Low 7.40 a.m. and 6.35 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
H.K.R.A. Shoot, 9 a.m.
Golf—Club Championship Final. Exhibition by Ernie Freedlander, St. Andrew's Hall, 8 p.m.—9 p.m.
Mauricio College of Physical Education: Weight-Lifting Competition, 2.30 p.m.
Caroline Hill: Int'l Charity Soccer, 3.30 p.m.
Softball League.
St. Andrew's Church: Choral Recital.
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group: Prof. Forster on "Why Britain is at War", 9 p.m.
Crown Land Sales, P.W.D., 3 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 9 p.m.
Speaker—Prof. Forster on "Why Britain is at War".
National Women's Relief Assn. Charity Bazaar, Causeway Bay Chinese Recreation Club, 10 a.m.—10 p.m.
18—Claims against estate of Thomas Meek and Edward Tucker due. Choral Club, Gala Christmas Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Sandakan Light and Power Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg. Bank of East Asia Bldg., 12 noon.
H.K. Yorkshiresmen's Society, Annual Meeting, H.K. Hotel, 5.45 p.m.
Busy Bees Working Party—Final Bridge and Mahjongg Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: War Work, 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 7 p.m.; Flag Waving Drive, 8.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Vicarage: Meeting to form Winter Food Relief Committee, 6 p.m.
First Aid Examination: St. John's Ambulance, 6 p.m.
R. Cup Polo, 3.30 p.m.
Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.
19—Claims against estate of Gaston Desmuller due.
H.K. Horticultural Society, Annual Mtg., Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Bridge class, 10 a.m.
Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.
20—H.K.R.A. Rifle Shoot, 1.45 p.m.
Peak School Prize Day, 5.15 p.m.
Secon and Third Rounds of Ladies Tennis Championships due to be completed.
Y.M.C.A. Fantomime, 5 p.m.
Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.
21—Launching at Kowloon Docks, 5 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club Christmas Dance, 9 p.m.
Cheero Club Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Fantomime, 9 p.m.
Schools' Physical Training Competition, K.F.C., 9 a.m.
Y.M.C.A. Games morning, 10 a.m.
Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn. Draw for debentures, 8 p.m.
22—Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg. Speaker: Mr. J. E. Witham "China's Tea Trade".
China Light and Power Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg., 12 noon.
Claims against Enemy firms (Vincez Singer and Wilhelm Maier and Co.) Schools' Physical Training Competition, H.K.F.C., 9 a.m.; Final, at 11.30 a.m.
Children's Fancy Dress Party, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.—6.30 p.m.
H.K. University Congregation, Great Hall, 5.30 p.m.
23—Y.M.C.A. Fantomime, 3 p.m.
24—Christmas Eve.
International Soccer.
25—Christmas Day.
International Soccer.
26—Boxing Day.
H.K.C.S.C.—Prize-Giving & Children's Sports, 4 p.m.
28—Christmas Light & Power Recreation Club Dance, 9 p.m.
30—Claims against estate of Leung Chan Tak Yan due.
31—New Year's Eve.
Football Shield, First Round.
Y.M.C.A. Fantomime, 9 p.m.
Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr. Percy Chen "The Rebirth of Nations."

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Fox-Trot—Everybody Kiss Your Partner. Fox-Trots—You Started Me Dreaming; The Glory of Love. Fox-Trot—Got To Dance My Way To Heaven. Slow Fox-Trot—I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers.
1.15 p.m. Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.
"The Street Singer"—Film Selection. Valse Des Fleurs (from "Casse Noisette Suite"—Tschalkowsky); Sleeping Beauty Waltz (Tschalkowsky).
1.40 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.53 Louis Levy & His Gaumont-British Symphony.
"Firefly"—Selection (Kahn, Friml & Others); The Eyes of the World Are On You (Film London Melody); Fox-Trots—My What A Different Night (Film "Everybody Dance"); Everybody Dance (from the film); Turning The Town Upside Down (Film "O.H.M.S."); Taking A Stroll Around The Park (Film "Variety Parade"); "The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle"—Selection.
1.50 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Beethoven—Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op.21.
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini.
2.15 Close down.
2.30 p.m. Tartini—Sonata for Violin and Piano ("Devil's Trill").
Yehudi Menuhin with Piano accompaniment by Arthur Balsam.
6.15 Bach—Suite No. 4 in D Major.
The Adolf Busch Chamber Players.
6.40 Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.42 Songs by Beniamino Gigli (over).
Forbidden Music (Gastaldon)—with Orchestral accompaniment. The Stars Were Shining ("Tosca"—Puccini); Woman Is Fickle ("Rigoletto"—Verdi)—with Orchestral accompaniment.
6.51 Albert Sandier & His Orchestra with Jessica Dragonette (Vocal).
The Lost Chord (Sullivan); Sane- Albert Sandier & His Orchestra. Will You Love Me (Pergolesi); Love's Joy

Black Eyes—Russian Impression (Ferraris); Souvenir D'Ukraine (Ferraris)—Albert Sandier & His Orchestra.
Grinning (Benatzky); Remembrance (Melfi)—Albert Sandier & His Orchestra.
McCarthy "Cello"; Alice Blue Gown (McCarthy); "Dorsey"; Through The Doorway of Dreams (from "Big Broadcast"—Jessica Dragonette (Soprano) with Orchestra. You Are My Heart's Delight (The Land of Smiles—Lehar); Patience Smiling (The Land of Smiles—Lehar)—Albert Sandier & His Orchestra.
7.30 London Relay—"The News."
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Light Orchestral.
In The Sudan (Sebek); Babylonian (Zamecnik)—Alfred Van Dam & His Orchestra.
The Gaumont State Orchestra. "The Waltz Dream"—Selection (Of Strans).
—De Groot & The Piccadilly Orchestra.
—A. Prangal—March (Costa Gauvain).
Parade Of The Imps (Ecklebe)—George Grohrock-Ferrari & His Orchestra.
8.23 Benno Moisewitsch at the Piano.
Mouvements Perpetuels (Fouleno); Etude (Stravinsky); Flirtations In A Chasse Garden (Chasins).
8.30 Studio—Dr. T. Z. Koo of The World's Student Christian Federation, Geneva, in "Folk Songs of Cathay." Illustrated by Flute.
8.50 Orchestral Interlude.
Suite Orientale (Poppy)—Marek Weber & His Orchestra. La Folletta (Marchesi).
—Erich Olschewski & His Orchestra.
9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."
9.45 Walton—Facade Suite.
London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by William Walton.
10.0 Studio—"The Beauty of England"—3.
The Third of a Series of Talks by The Very Rev. The Dean of Hongkong.
10.30 p.m. London Relay—"The Lying Jade."
A topical programme dealing with the act of spreading rumours in wartime. Arranged by Stephan Potter.
11.0 Close down.

Richly Human Story

"THEY SHALL HAVE MUSIC" AT THE KING'S TODAY

A new landmark in motion picture history was reached when Samuel Goldwyn, one of Hollywood's foremost producers, brought Jascha Heifetz and his immortal violin music to the screen in "They Shall Have Music," a richly human story, which is opens today at the King's Theatre.

In addition to marking the screen debut of the great Heifetz, "They Shall Have Music" also brings to millions of moviegoers all over the globe the thrilling music of the California Junior Symphony, an orchestra composed of forty-five boys and girls who have been hailed as juvenile prodigies.

The featured roles in "They Shall Have Music" are brilliantly played by Andrea Leeds, Joel McCrea, Walter Brennan, Gene Reynolds and Terry Kilbourne. (Martin)—Jessica Dragonette (Soprano) with the Renaissance Quintet.

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Transmission I—News Summary	4.00 p.m.
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Trans. II & III—News Summary	6.45 p.m.
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Wednesdays—In England Now	6.45 a.m.
Cards on the Table	15 a.m.
Matters of Moment	10 p.m.
Thursdays—Matters of Moment	6.45 a.m.
Background to the News	11.00 p.m.
Fridays—In England Now	11.00 p.m.
Saturdays—In England Now	6.45 a.m.
London Log	3.30 p.m.
London Log	11.15 p.m.
Sundays—London Log	6.45 a.m.

A plaque was unveiled by Ald. W. G. Howell, the Lord Mayor, to commemorate the centenary of the opening of Cardiff's first dock.

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RESERVE STOCKS OF GRAIN IN GERMANY FOUND TO BE IN VERY BAD CONDITION

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Daily Telegraph's Trieste correspondent reports that the effects of the Allied blockade and the Russian failure to deliver even 150 of the grain supplies promised have compelled Germany to resort to her grain reserves earlier than was expected.

TEN PER CENT SPOILT

The stocks stored in churches, synagogues and emergency warehouses have been found to be in very bad condition. The depots in Hamburg, Berlin and Nuremberg are so bad that an investigation ordered throughout the country revealed that ten per cent of the emergency stocks are affected.

All grain stored for more than six months, therefore, is being handed out before it is wholly unfit for consumption; hence the rescission of the Government order that bread must contain a minimum of three per cent of potato flour.

The German public is, however, being told that the extra supplies are due to the fact that the warehouses are overflowing.

FLEET OF PLANES TO CARRY BLOOD FOR TRANSFUSION

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—A fleet of planes has been specially fitted out to transport blood for transfusion purposes to army hospitals in France and to any city in the United Kingdom which may suffer casualties during an air raid.

EFFICIENCY OF BRITISH CONVOYS

SAFE ARRIVAL OF HUNDREDS OF SHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Authoritative circles in London emphasise the efficiency and wide extent of the British convoy system, which gives the protection of powerful units of the British Navy to neutral merchant vessels trading with Britain.

SAFE ARRIVALS

The safe arrival of hundreds of convoyed vessels does not constitute news precisely because there is no sensational evidence of the strength of the British Navy and the normal process of international trade.

The recent sinkings of British and neutral vessels, on the contrary, was of sensational news value used by German propaganda in an attempt to prove that the convoy system was unsafe for neutrals, whereas neutral ship-owners, whose ships arrive safely week after week, know that this assertion is absurd.

Neutrals charter ships to the British Government to travel in convoy because it is easier for German submarines to torpedo unaccompanied ships than to attack a convoy, risking depth charges from the escorting vessels.

MOSLEM LEADER WANTS ROYAL COMMISSION

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Jinnah, leader of the All-India Moslem Party, who is involved in an acute issue with Mr. Gandhi at the moment, yesterday issued a long statement in which he demanded that a Royal Commission should examine the treatment of minorities in India by Congress Ministries.

Mr. Jinnah's statement reiterates the charges against Congress Ministries and added that the Commission should be composed purely of judicial personnel, with high court judges, under the chairmanship of one of the Law Lords of the Privy Council.

SYMPATHY FOR NEUTRALS

BRITISH SEIZURE OF NAZI EXPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The concessions which were offered to neutrals under the Order-in-Council, providing for the seizure of German exports means that since export control began on Dec. 5, few cargoes have been definitely classed as neutrals.

Reuter understands that during the first week the maxim was "no easy on neutrals," but the control will be tightened progressively.

MANY APPLICATIONS

Already applications have been received from the United States, Japan, Belgium, Holland and other countries to respect drugs, surgical instruments and other items difficult to procure elsewhere.

In the early stages such applications are likely to be treated sympathetically.

the Paper, the preparation of which would necessarily take some little time, would be laid before the House as soon as possible.

DISTORTION OF FACTS BY NAZIS

COMMUNAL RIOTS IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—One life was lost as the result of Monday's communal rioting in Jubbulpore, Central India, while 115 were injured.

The German News Agency put the list of dead as "over one hundred" and this is in line with other statements about India emanating from Berlin.

WOMEN'S WORK

Zeesen, speaking of social conditions in India, alleged that women had to work twelve hours in coal mines daily. In actual fact, women were excluded from underground work in mines in 1929. A few exceptions were made, but complete exclusion has been enforced since October 1937 and today not a single woman in India is engaged in such work.

Mr. John Conrad Cherry, who rowed for Oxford in 1937, and 1938, has become engaged to Miss Clary Rowe, Cookham Dean, Berkshire.

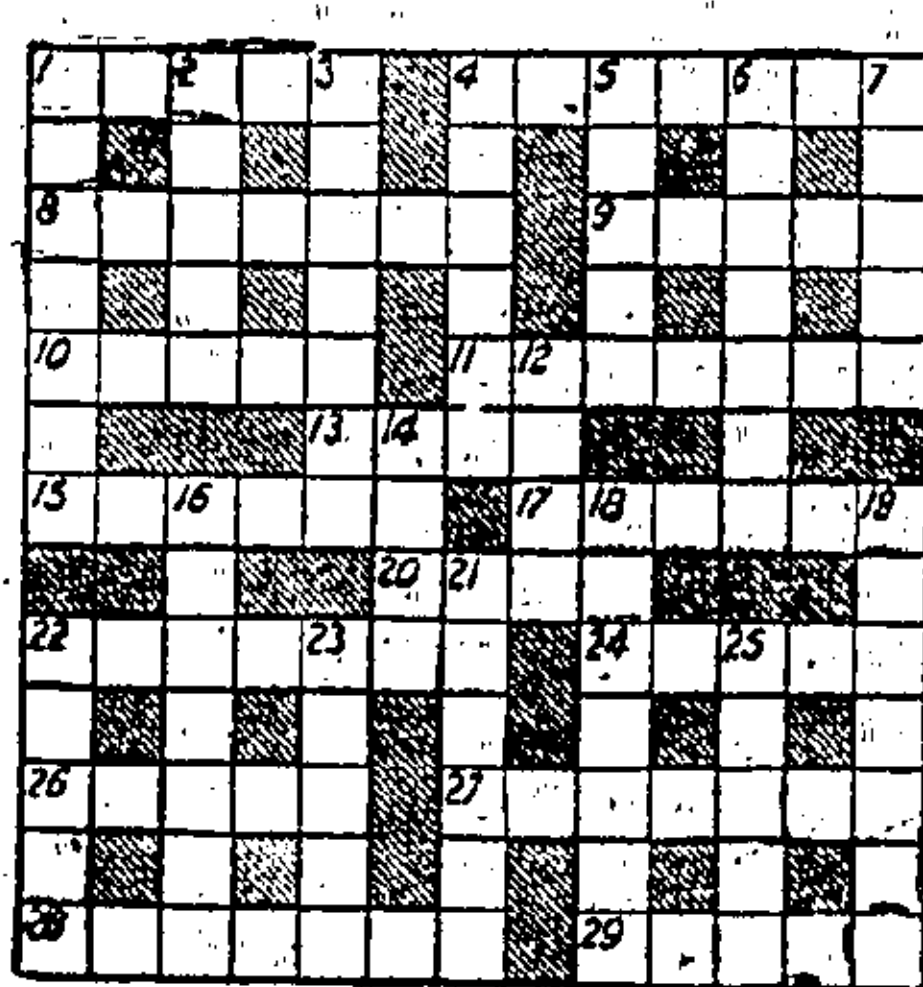
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- 4 Dead body
- 8 Even
- 9 Fruit
- 10 Prod
- 11 Contour
- 13 Vessels
- 15 Oppose
- 17 Church festival
- 20 Finishes
- 22 Eat up
- 24 Stores
- 26 Occurrence
- 27 Buying
- 28 Make ready
- 29 Borders

DOWN

- 1 Co-worker
- 2 Implored
- 3 Small pits



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DOWN: 1. Ports. 2. Wager. 3. Spend. 4. Victor. 5. Sense. 6. Dying. 7. Snare. 13. Heart. 14. Elder. 16. Paper showing the courses of the Ahead. 17. Eagle. 18. Ado. 19. Met. 23. Urban. 24. Swamp. 25. Acorn. 26. Tract. 27. Idler. 28. Lunatic. 29. Royal.

WHITE PAPER ON ANGLO-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Chamberlain announced, in response to questions, that Lord Halifax was preparing a White Paper showing the courses of the Anglo-Soviet negotiations with the Soviet Government, which took place earlier in the year.

The Prime Minister said that

Complete Anglo-French Co-operation NEW AGREEMENT GIVES LIE TO NAZI PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Yesterday's Manchester Guardian, in a leader, points out that in the Anglo-French financial agreement nothing is missing from the comprehensive economic agreement on Nov. 17 and gives the lie to the German legend that the interests of the Allies are separate and to the propaganda seeking to divide them.

It is worth emphasizing Paragraph 92 of the Government's will to share certain items of expenditure.

NATIONAL WEALTH

"The contribution of the two Governments is fixed on a basis to take due account of the national wealth of each. In general, the French contribution will be forty and the British sixty per cent of the total."

The intimate co-operation of the Allied Governments is supplemented by the close bonds of organised labour as illustrated in the first meeting in Paris today of the Joint Anglo-French Trade Union Council, representing 10,000,000 Allied workers.

PRESS APPROVAL

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Anglo-French Monetary Agreement is welcomed by the British press as welding the last link in Allied unity for victory.

The Times says that this agreement, together with other agreements, shows that there is now more than an alliance between the two countries. Measures such as this are the right way to reply to the boasting of Dr. Walther Funk, the Nazi Minister of Finance.

The Daily Telegraph says there could hardly be stronger proof of the community of performance of Britain and France.

Swiss Confederation For 1940

BERNE, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Dr. Marcel Pilet-Golaz, retiring Vice-President, was elected President of the Swiss Confederation for 1940 by the Federal Assembly.

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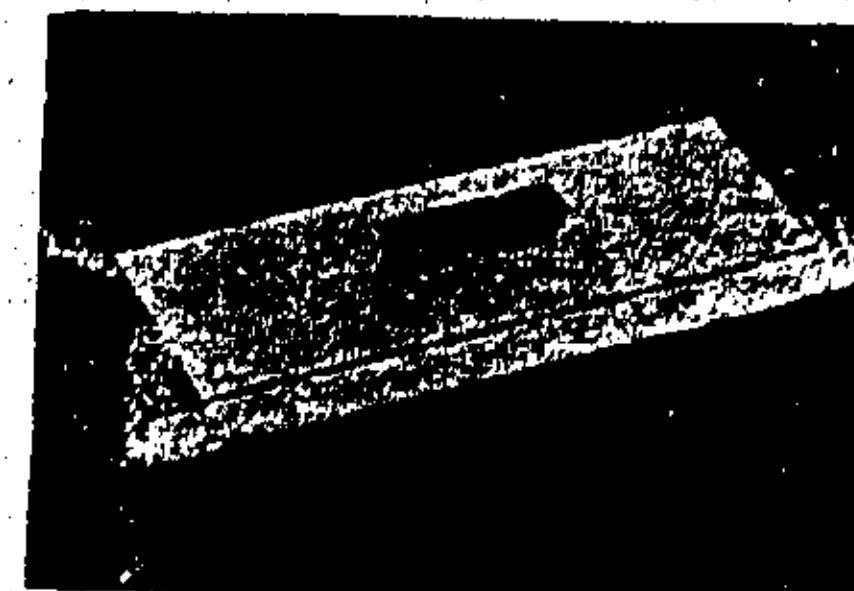
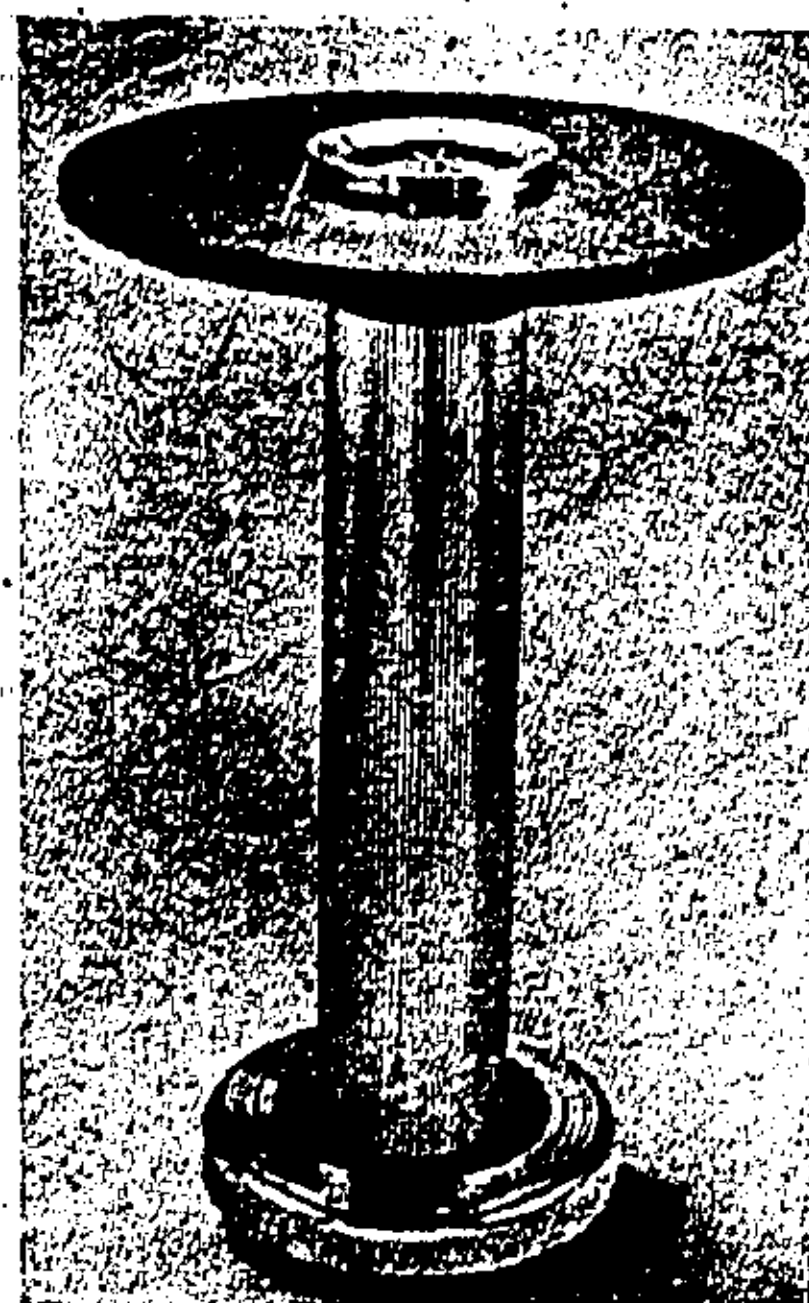
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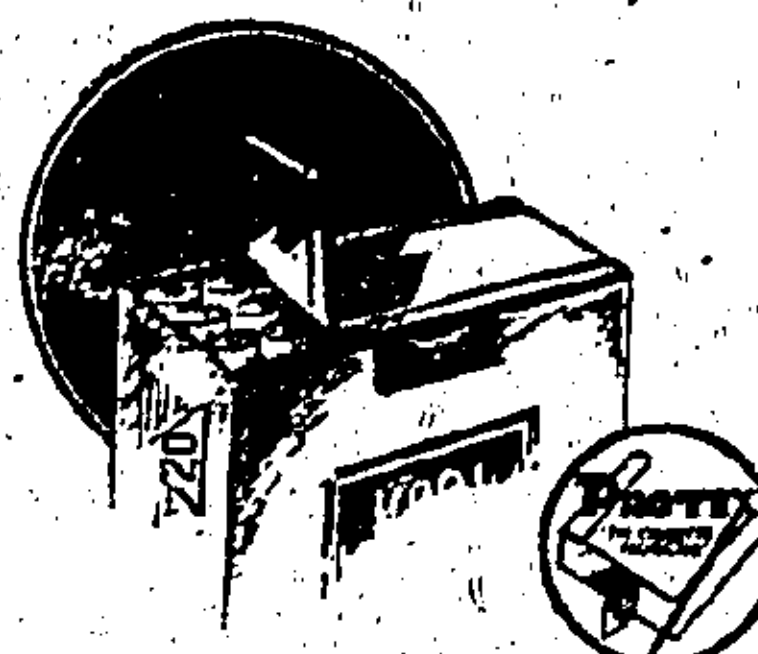
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Economic And Agricultural Conditions In China's North-West Provinces

The economic, agricultural and soil conditions in China's North-West were described by Mr. D. Y. Lin, Director of the Yellow River Commission and member of the National Relief Commission, in the course of a speech given before the Y's Men's Club, Hongkong, yesterday.

Mr. Lin has just returned here after a four-month trip in the North-West to make a preliminary study of the upstream drainage areas of the Yellow River basin.

LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

An interesting lecture on Christian Science was delivered by Mr. Colin Rucker Eddison, C.S., of London, England, at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday evening.

Mr. Eddison, who is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, was introduced by Mrs. Raymond Smith.

The lecturer said, in part:— Christian Scientists turn naturally to the Bible to learn about God, for no body of people holds the Bible in greater reverence. It was in the Bible that Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy discerned the truths she afterwards set out in the Christian Science textbook, and her followers find that the Bible grows more and more important to them in their daily lives as they study its pages in the light thrown upon them by Christian Science.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE DISCOVERED

Mrs. Eddy was alone responsible for the discovery of Christian Science and for its establishment. She organized The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, founded its periodicals, guided its early foot-steps, and safely providing it with its Rules and By-Laws in the Church Manual.

Since God is infinite, omnipotent, He is the one primal cause of all things, and the understanding of this fact is very helpful in many ways. If God is the only cause, there can be no real effect except from God, Spirit, Principle. You cannot have an effect from that which is not cause.

The change of thought that is brought about by Christian Science and which results in healing, has nothing in common with hypnotism or autosuggestion.

The best treatment is that which reflects most faithfully the one God—that has in it most of that "mind" which was also in Christ Jesus.

Dardanus Held Up At Fort Bayard

REPAIRS NEEDED BEFORE TRIP BACK TO HONGKONG

The Imperial Airways' plane R. M. A. Dardanus, which has been held by Japanese Military authorities on Weichow Island during the past month, has been removed from Japanese territory and is at Fort Bayard.

REPAIRS NEEDED

Capt. J. N. Wilson succeeded in flying the Dardanus from Weichow Island to the French port on Thursday afternoon. However yesterday on the advice of Capt. Wilson, Commander A. D. G. Murray, Far Eastern Manager of Imperial Airways, learned that the craft was not in flying condition and that repairs and spare parts were needed before the plane could safely be flown to Hongkong.

Mr. F. J. Crosbie, engineer of Imperial Airways in Hongkong, is leaving here today by steamer for Fort Bayard. He will carry spare parts and assist in the repair work.

DUE ON SUNDAY

Mr. French, another engineer and Mr. Clark, radio officer, company employees, are also at Fort Bayard with Capt. Wilson. It is expected that the craft and Imperial Airways' personnel will arrive at Kai Tak on Sunday.

His Majesty the King having commanded Court Mourning for two weeks for Her late Royal Highness the Princess Louise, His Excellency the Governor was unable to be present at the performance of "No, No, Nanette" last night.

MORTGAGE PROPERTY DISPUTE

EXPERT EVIDENCE CALLED

That it was found that the plaintiffs were not the men who had signed the deeds relating to the mortgage of a property in Des Voeux Road and Wing Lok Street, over which a legal dispute had arisen, was given as the reason for the application by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. for his application to amend the original Statement of Claim in the case in which Chan Fui-hing, Chan Sik-tin and Chan Kwok-nim, as co-owners, are plaintiffs.

They declared that without their knowledge the property had been mortgaged, and they asked for a declaration that the signatures were forgeries.

FIVE PARTS

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., for the defence, replying, dealt with the application in five parts:

(1) that the third plaintiff was not Chan Kwok-nim, but had fraudulently impersonated him; (2) that if the third plaintiff was Chan Kwok-nim, then the mortgages were executed by him in the name of his brother Chan Chung-wah; (3) that the first and second plaintiffs were and are still totally unaware of the impersonation; (4) Or alternatively, that being aware of the impersonation, they had fraudulently assented to it; (5) In the alternative, if the plaintiffs were the persons referred to in the Statement of Claim, the defendant was not estopped from saying that the deeds were not executed by them or with their authority and knowledge by reason of their conduct in standing by with full knowledge that the mortgage was forged.

His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, who presided, allowed items one, three and five of the application and refused items two and four.

EXPERT EVIDENCE

Expert evidence was given on the signatures on the mortgages by Prof. Hsu Ti-shan of the Hongkong University and his evidence occupied the greater part of the hearing yesterday.

Mr. Eldon Potter (for plaintiffs) was assisted by Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jr., instructed by Mr. C. D'Almada, while Mr. Sheldon (for defendants) was assisted by Mr. H. C. MacNamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson.

In the course of his evidence Prof. Hsu said he had studied Chinese calligraphy for a number of years and was in a position to express an opinion with regard to Chinese hand-writing and to distinguish one from the other.

SIGNATURES DIFFERENT

The signatures on the mortgages, purported to be those of the plaintiffs, were, in his opinion, different from those written by them in Court.

Witness then described the difference in strokes and said that if the signatures on the mortgages were intended to be an imitation of the genuine ones, they were not very good.

Questioned by Mr. Sheldon, witness said the signatures of Chan Kwok-nim on the cheques produced were not done by the same hand which wrote the signature on the assignment deed, although one of them bore the same characteristics and significance. The signatures on the cheques, however, were made by the same hand.

The case was adjourned to Jan. 3, 1939.

Breach Of Promise Case Is Withdrawn

On the application of Mr. M. A. da Silva (for plaintiff) the breach of promise case instituted by Molly Cheung against a European was withdrawn when the suit was called before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell, in the Summary Court, yesterday morning.

The plaintiff claimed \$1,000 as damages for alleged failure on the part of the defendant to carry out his promise to marry her.

NO COSTS

In applying for withdrawal, Mr. da Silva said there would be no application for costs.

On His Lordship's inquiring whether the defence was agreeable to his recording a settlement, Mr. F. E. Nash (for defendant) said: "Withdrawal, my Lord." His Lordship made record accordingly.

Trade Mark Infringement Alleged

NO PROOF OF SALE OF GOODS

The Tung Hing Firm, of No. 9, Wing Sing Street, appeared before Mr. Houston at the Central Magistracy on Wednesday afternoon on a summons issued by Mok Chi Nam, manager, of Sze Tak Chee Medicine Manufactory, of No. 45, Des Voeux Road Central, for alleged infringement of a Trade Mark belonging to the complainant's firm, by having in their possession for sale, or a purpose of trade, goods alleged to have been forged with the Trade Mark of the complainant's firm.

Mr. K. F. Wong appeared for the complainant and Mr. A. S. K. Lau appeared for the defendant who pleaded not guilty.

O Chik Sang, manager of the defendant firm, stated that although the goods were found in the premises they were only stored there by a person who was to be called later and dispose of them himself.

The goods were shipped by the S.S. Kinsan and the defendants had no knowledge of their contents.

NOT FOR TRADE

Mr. Lau stated that his main defence was that although the goods were found in the defendant's premises, they were not there for a purpose of trade, and, therefore, they have not committed an offence under the Merchandise Marks Ordinance of 1890.

Mr. Wong addressed the court. His Worship interposed by saying that the complainant must first prove that the goods were on the premises for the purpose of trade or sale and that he held that storage in the premises did not constitute a purpose of trade with in the meaning of the Ordinance.

SUMMONS DISMISSED

Mr. Wong said he was not then prepared to argue on this point and His Worship accordingly dismissed the summons against the defendants.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE COLONY

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 there were altogether 56 traffic accidents as the result of which 1 person was killed and 27 persons were injured.

The person killed, a Chinese male, age 53, died from injuries received while alighting from a moving bus.

Of 56 accidents, 23 were collisions between vehicles; 28 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 15 accidents were due to other causes.

AMAH SWEEP TICKET CASE

A conviction was registered before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, at the Kowloon Court yesterday, against Yue Ah-khi, 45, an amah, on a charge of fraudulent conversion of \$750.

On the application of the solicitor for the defence, Mr. H. L. Kwan, however, the case was adjourned week, pending sentence being passed, the defendant being allowed bail as fixed originally.

It is understood that an appeal may be made against conviction.

The charge against Yue arose from the cashing of a lottery ticket, the alleged property of Li Ah-ye, another amah. The ticket had been deposited by Li with an amah named Wong Ah-yeat for safe custody. Defendant, who claims to have had a 50-cent share in the ticket which won a sweep in the races on October 25, obtained the ticket from Wong when, it is claimed, she had no authority to do so.

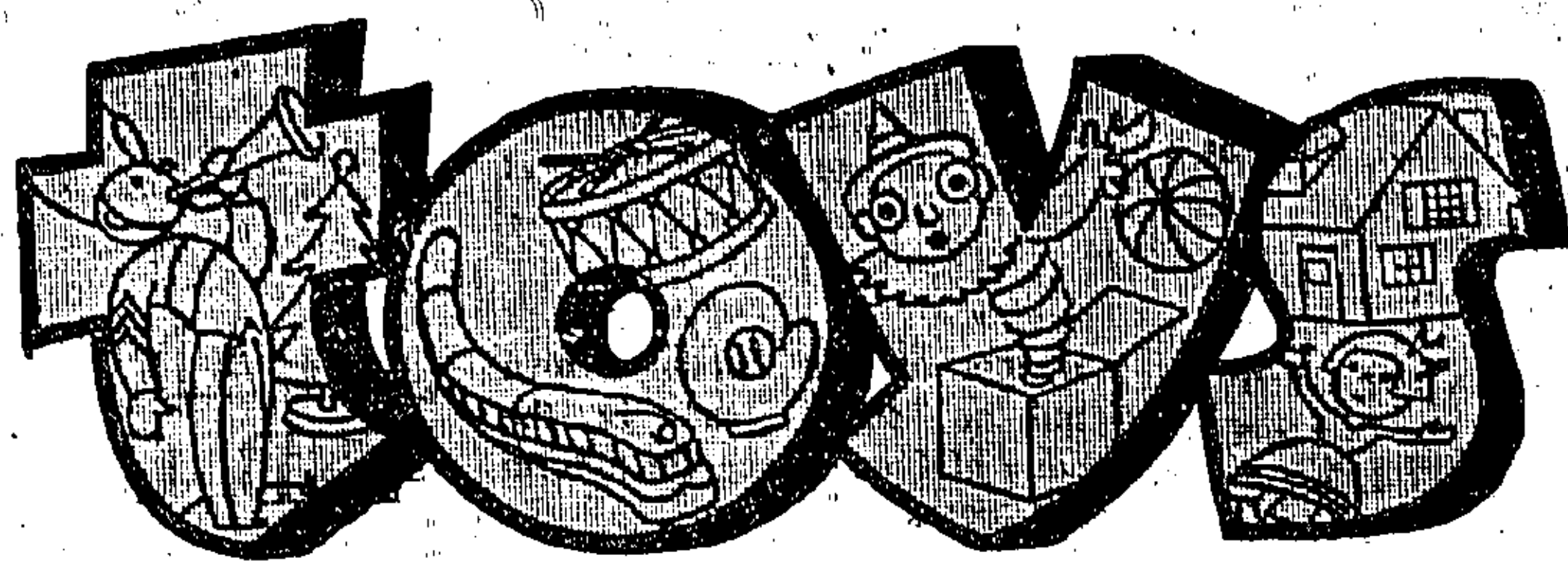
H.K. UNIVERSITY CONGREGATION

There will be an informal Congregation of the University in the Great Hall for the conferring of Degrees on the results of the December Degree Examinations in Medicine and Surgery, at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22.

No invitations are being issued, but members of the public who may wish to attend will be welcome.

The principal Congregation of the University will take place in June, 1940.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	4210	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4210, Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3800, Kowloon City Road, To Kwa Wan.	As per sale plan.	About 5,740	92	3,750

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2	4211	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3800, Kowloon City Road, To Kwa Wan.	As per sale plan.	About 27,500	64	1,375

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JAPAN, U.S. AND CHINA

THE ABROGATION of the Japanese-American Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of 1911, announced several months ago, is due to take effect at the end of January, 1940. What then? Will that date see the end of the existing position, in which the United States, as the supplier of 57 per cent. of Japan's imported war materials is a passive partner in the war against China? And if pressure on Japan is really applied, will it be such pressure as can help the Chinese people's fight for independence, or will its sole object be to gain better conditions for American enterprise in the occupied areas, whose trade Japan seeks to monopolize.

LOOKING AT THE QUESTION from the point of view of the Japanese attitude, we see from recent events that Tokyo is really worried as to what may transpire when the abrogation comes into effect and is desperately anxious to conciliate, or at least to hoodwink the United States into concluding a new commercial pact. America supplies not only, as has been stated, more than half of Japan's war materials, but also 35 per cent. of her total imports. The mere list of these imports, which include petroleum, fuels, copper, machine tools, aeroplanes and parts, scrap iron and cotton—all commodities which can now be obtained elsewhere only with difficulty or not at all, shows the reason for her worries. No less important is America's place as a buyer of Japan's exports—68.7 per cent. of all her raw silk shipped abroad, 80 per cent. of vegetable oils, and 25.2 per cent. of edible products (1937 figures). Should the treaty lapse, all this trade will automatically become liable to retaliatory action. Section 338 of the United States tariff law empowers the President to impose punitive duties up to 50 per cent. of the value of imports from countries adjudged to be discriminating against American trade. As regards exports, a shrewd blow at Japanese shipping can be struck by a ruling that all future shipments must be carried in American bottoms or pay surtax.

THESE FACTS PROVE that tariff action and, to a much greater extent, the embargo, represent really formidable weapons available to the United States should it really desire to bring Japan to heel. Politically, the main question is now not so much whether as how these weapons will be used.

A DISQUIETING FEATURE for China is that Japanese attempts to play the United States and the Soviet Union off against each other seem to be meeting with a sympathetic response in the hearts of some Big Business elements. Concretely, this means that the assurances that Japan is "fighting Bolshevism" may be so far taken at face value the subsidy to her war machine may become, for Wall Street, not only a matter of profit but also a matter of policy. The recent outpourings of Mr. Walter Lippmann give a clear clue to some of the ideas current in the high financial world. According to these ideas Japan must be tamed but not on any account disarmed.

ON THE OTHER SIDE of the scale is the considerable



Mr. H. L. Kwee and his bride, formerly Miss Clara S. C. Yeung, after their marriage at St. John's Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon.

Splendid Floor-Show At Dinner Dance In Aid Of Sino-British War Funds

THE SUPERB FLOOR-SHOW BY A GROUP OF HIGHLY TALENTED LOCAL AMATEUR ENTERTAINERS was largely conducive to the success of last night's dinner, dance and cabaret at the Peninsula Hotel in aid of the British War Organisation Fund, the British Local Emergency Fund and the Fund for the Relief of Victims of the War in China.

The hall was packed to capacity and it is estimated that approximately \$5,000 must have been collected in all, both from the sale of tickets, and from the sale of programmes, flowers etc.

The cabaret programme started with a Chinese musical play. This was followed by a ballet dance by little Miss Rosita Wu, a pupil of Miss D. O'Keefe. Miss Wu was really excellent and gives every promise of turning out to be a first rate dancer.

TAP DANCE. The tap dance by Mrs. Elsie Lee Soong and Miss Soong and Master Soong, was another well rendered number while Mrs. Percy Chen's dance of the Dying Swan portrayed an ancient theme with perfect emotional interpretation.

"Gay Nineties," a request item, was another that was loudly applauded, while the "Spring Song and Dance of the Fairies" revealed an abundance of talent among the 13 young ladies who took part. The cabaret finished with a club exhibition by Mrs. G. Gilcrest, but dancing continued till 2 a.m.

Sir Robert Ho Tung gave away the prizes to the holders of lucky numbers.

Over 800 attended the function.

AIR MINISTER'S REVIEW APPROVED BY PRESS

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The British press expresses general satisfaction on the report by Sir Kingsley Wood, Air Minister, on the war in the air.

The News Chronicle, however, also points out that "we have a long way to go before we can establish that overwhelming superiority over the Nazi Air Force, which is essential to our safety and victory."

The paper hopes that Sir Kingsley Wood will be able to give the public more information about our air activity.

POLISH AIR FORCE

It was authoritatively learned that the first detachment of the Polish Air Force, already training in England, will form the first of several squadrons that will become part of the R.A.F.

They will be distinguished only by different cap badges and the Polish eagle on the tunic.

The Polish squadrons will be entirely self-supporting.

Reuter reports from Paris that a communique issued yesterday states, "There was patrol activity on the whole of the central part of the front from the Moselle to the Rhine."

CHINA WAR NEWS

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IN South-West Shansi, an attack was made on the Japanese at Kengkuang, between Yungtai and Fenglingtu, on Monday.

A high Chinese commander reported in a press interview heavy Japanese casualties during the recent fighting in the Chingtao mountain area. He revealed that a Japanese commanding officer named Ejima was killed while another fatally wounded.

He further stated that over 1,000 Japanese wounded had been transported to Wensi and Yuncheng.

CENTRAL HUPEH

SHASI, Dec. 14 (Central).—Chinese troops commenced a general counter-offensive in Central Hupeh on Tuesday.

After crossing the Ssang River, the Chinese swooped down in several columns upon the Japanese on the east bank. A fierce assault was made against 2,000 Japanese at Topaowan and Lohanssu. After charges and counter-charges, the Chinese succeeded in dislodging the Japanese at Topaowan. Four Japanese field guns and about ten machine-guns were seized and ten Japanese officers and soldiers were taken prisoner.

Other Chinese units recaptured Lochlapp, north of Chungshiang, 125 miles north-west of Hankow, capturing a Japanese field gun and are assaulting Chungshiang, and Yangchihchen, 10 miles north of Chungshiang.

NORTH HUPEH

FANCHENG, HUPEH, Dec. 14 (Central).—Breaking a seven-month stalemate since last May, Chinese forces in North Hupeh launched a major offensive on Tuesday.

According to military despatches to hand, they have made unexpectedly speedy progress and recaptured several strategic points.

To the northwest of Suifu, on the Yun River 34 miles west of Yingshan, they have surrounded and decimated 400 Japanese.

STEADY PROGRESS

A third column is making steady progress in an offensive against Tungshan. Pangtowchen, a town north-west of Tungshan, has already been retaken.

The Chinese troops pursuing the Japanese retreating from Tsungyang have reached Puchi, on the Canton-Hankow Railway. Fighting has already broken out there.

NORTH KIANGSI

In North Kiangsi, a Chinese column driving eastward has routed 1,000 Japanese at Shihotwang on the north bank of the Chin River, 16 miles northeast of Kaonan. Shihotwang has been recaptured.

A second column closing in on Fengshin, 23 miles west of Nanchang, has recaptured Wupucheng, and Taifengling, respectively west and southeast of the city. Highway leading from Fengshin to the neighbouring towns have been cut.

Escorted by two armoured cars a Japanese repair gang attempted to mend the damaged highway between

COMPLETE MANIFESTO OF SIXTH PLENARY SESSION, KUOMINTANG

FORTHCOMING CONVOCATION OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY; CONSTITUTIONAL RULE

The manifesto of the Fifth National Congress obviously took full account of the dual nature of the task we have now to perform as the course into which history has guided the Revolution: Reconstruction within and Resistance at the front. The spirit of our people has yet to be fully awakened; their strength has yet to be fully mobilized. The hearts and minds of administrators and workers in all the spheres of public life have yet to be welded into a unified and effective force.

The Generalissimo made a point of alluding to this document during this session and he exhorted us to give all due respect to it as a comprehensive definition of our aims in regard to home and foreign affairs. What has not yet been carried into practice, we must set immediately about. What has not yet been brought to completion, we must defy all difficulties to perfect.

On the one hand we must apply the spirit of military urgency to the mobilization of all utilizable human and material strength at our command. On the other, there must be an energetic attempt to raise our standard of efficiency, and to rationalize methods of control. In proportion as the hardships of the war multiply, men of every rank and calling must respond with increased exertions in the cause. With nations, as with individuals, it is adversity that steels and stimulates to endeavour. Whether we give yet another proof of this by redoubling our efforts against invader and traitor, by smashing the present obstacles in the path of the revolution, will depend, just as our ability to create a new and prosperous post-war nation will depend, upon the extent to which we strive for the realization of the manifesto of the Fifth Convention.

THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

The most important resolutions of this session in the sphere of home affairs have been that fixing a date for the convocation of the People's Assembly and that regarding the reconstruction of hien administration. These two resolutions are intimately connected one with the other; they are both indispensable steps in the general scheme of national reconstruction. The convocation of a People's Assembly has been for many years the constant aspiration of the Party. The Generalissimo proposed in 1933, just after the fighting in Jehol, that the period of political tutelage should be drawn to an early close. He saw in the gravity of the perils besetting the country, the necessity of accelerating the pace at which it was approaching a final form of government. When that objective was reached the nation would be

in a position to stand up to all shocks and vicissitudes.

HISTORY OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS

In 1933, the compilation of the Constitution was commenced and the following year the draft was published. In 1935 and 1936 there were a number of resolutions adopted in the matter, but they remained in abeyance through various causes of national disquiet. In 1937, a date had indeed been fixed for the convocation of a People's Assembly but with the outbreak of the war in the year, considerations of national defence took precedence of all else and another postponement was rendered unavoidable.

We have to report that this session has adopted a solemn resolution to the effect that before the end of next year at the latest a People's Assembly shall be called, preparatory to an early codification and enactment of the Constitution, at some time proximate to the conclusion of the war with victory.

Looking back over the long years that have elapsed since the days of the revolutionary martyrs and Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and unsatisfied with the nation's transitional political structure in an age of catastrophic changes, the Party perhaps even exceeds those outside its ranks in its urgent desire to see the Constitution inaugurated. It was ever the Tsungli's devout aspiration and the goal of its endeavours that the Republic should become a land possessed, governed, and enjoyed by the people. In contemplation of the forthcoming convocation of the People's Assembly we shall do well to recall to one another the full positive implication of the revolutionary duty he bequeathed us; whereas we have formerly been preoccupied rather with the negative side of that duty. For instance, the first step towards establishing democracy was the overthrow of warlords. But there is the second step of protecting, through Resistance, the nation's independence and freedom, and next the protection of the individual's freedom and interests and of the rights to which his functions in society entitle him and which it is for none either to give or deny him.

(To Be Continued)

S.M.C. POLICE SERGEANT BEATEN - UP

FOUR JAPANESE ARRESTED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—Sergeant King, a Briton, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, was in course of his duties, last night in the Shanghai Central District, near Sincere's Department Store, when he was assaulted and beaten by several Japanese.

FOUR ARRESTS

Sergeant King was taken to hospital though he was not seriously injured and it is believed that he sustained severe bruises and a broken thumb.

Four Japanese were apprehended and three detained and charged with the assault.

It is stated that they will be handed over to the Japanese authorities upon request.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying at Cable & Wireless Ltd., Hongkong Branch: A. R. Burkill Company, from Saigon.

Lucado, Gloucester Hotel, from Tientsin.

Between Fengshin and Tacheng yesterday morning. Both cars were wrecked by Chinese artillery fire.

Coalition Government In Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—There is some criticism in the Swedish press of the new Coalition Government formed by the Premier, M. Hansson.

The Tidningen says that it is a clever move to cover up differences of opinion between M. Hansson and his Foreign Minister, M. Sandler (who is no longer in the Government).

HELP FOR FINLAND

Dagens Nyheter says that many are disappointed that the demand for direct intervention in Finland finds no expression in the policy of the new Government. It should be clear that M. Sandler's departure has no connection with the German press attacks.

A Government statement notes the wishes of the Swedes to help Finland, but puts forward the preference of neutrality as one of the predominant interests of the new Cabinet.

S.M.C. STAFF ALLOWANCE

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Municipal Council approved the continuation for a further period of three months from January, 1940, of the temporary high cost of living allowances to the Municipal staff.

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SOVIET MECHANIZED COLUMNS TRYING TO CUT THROUGH GULF OF BOTHNIA

Reports Of Fighting Near Russian Border Not Confirmed

LONDON, DEC. 14 (REUTERS)—ALTHOUGH IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE SOVIET FORCES IN THE FAR NORTH AND IN THE SOUTH ARE BEING STRONGLY HELD, THE POSITION IN THE CENTRE IS FAR FROM CLEAR.

Soviet troops are making a determined effort, with mechanized columns, to cut Finland in two at the narrowest part by driving through the Gulf of Bothnia.

Rome and Swedish reports say that there is furious fighting at a point 130 miles from the Soviet frontier, but the report is not believed in Helsinki, where it is said such a rapid advance across trackless wastes is "out of the question."

In the air, Finnish planes have been very active and twelve miles of railway on the main line from Murmansk to Leningrad have been destroyed by bombs.

HELSINKI, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—It is unofficially reported that the Finnish advance on Tolvajärvi, mentioned in a Finnish communiqué, has been very considerable and it is said that Finnish troops are pushing rapidly towards the Russian frontier.

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS
Other unconfirmed reports are that the Finns have retaken Pitkaranta, on the northern shore of Lake Ladoga, also Suomussalmi and Salla.

A key-point on the Northern Front, the last named, if true, indicates the great success of the Finnish counter-offensive, for the Russians had planned to make Salla their base headquarters.

REQUEST TO U.S.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—The Finnish Government is asking for permission to use the United States Army's latest gas-masks, which are on the secret list.

SOVIET PROGRESS
ROME, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—According to a Helsinki telegram, the Russians have occupied the island of Maasari, in Lake Ladoga, but their progress on the Karelian Front is insignificant.

The Finns are still holding Suomussalmi, about seventeen miles from the frontier, in Finland's "waist," despite repeated Russian attacks.

According to the telegram, the Russians are desperately trying to cut Finland in two to sever her communications with Sweden.

GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP DAMAGED

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It is pointed out that the zone was designed to prevent belligerent activities harmful to American interests and it is doubted if American interests were involved in the case of the naval battle.

NOT ADMIRAL SCHEER
MONTVIDEO, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—The Uruguayan authorities state that it was the Admiral Graf Spee, not the Admiral Scheer, that was engaged in battle.

BRITISH WOUNDED LANDED
LONDON, Dec. 14 (BWS)—Reports from Montevideo state that the wounded from the British warships, which followed the enemy vessel into the outer harbour, are also being landed.

International law permits belligerent warships to take refuge in neutral waters and to remain until repairs sufficient to make them seaworthy are effected, after which they must leave subject to 24 hours notice.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE

LONDON, Dec. 14 (BWS)—Contributions in money and kind to the cause of the Empire in war still continue to arrive from the subjects of His Majesty in every quarter of the British Commonwealth of Nations and from dependencies and also from British communities in many foreign lands.

Notable among the latter is a patriotic fund raised by the British Community in the Argentine, which now amounts to approximately £10,000, either paid already or promised before Oct. 31, 1940.

ANIMATED DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED WHEN LEAGUE VOTES ON FINLAND'S APPEAL

GENEVA, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—Yesterday evening the League Assembly was to vote on the expulsion of Russia from the League, because of her insistence to use force in the settlement of her dispute with Finland. When the Assembly met yesterday, the Argentine Delegate proposed the expulsion and this proposal was referred to the Finnish Appeal Committee.

The Committee had before it not only the expulsion proposal, but also the Russian reply, which arrived the previous night. It is understood that the Committee approved the expulsion proposal and that the approval had been included in the Committee's report, which is now receiving its final touches. The report will be sent to the Assembly.

If the proposal passes, it will go before the Council and here an unanimous vote is necessary before a member state can be expelled.

At noon yesterday, the Russian spokesman said that Russia will probably be ousted from the League within twenty-four hours.

DISCUSSION EXPECTED
The resolution will be submitted to the League Assembly today, when it is expected to occasion an animated discussion. It will probably be approved without a vote and then referred to the Council which will meet immediately to take the decision called for.

The result of the Council proceedings is a foregone conclusion, but it remains to be seen whether there will be any abstentions when a vote is taken.

By leaving the election of China to the Council to a later meeting, the League has absolved China from the delicate responsibility of taking a stand in the matter.

At the meeting of the Committee of Fourteen, the Norwegian and Swedish delegates stated that they approved of the resolution, subject to the confirmation of their Governments.

THE RESOLUTION
The resolution condemns the action of the Soviet on the ground that "by its act of aggression against Finland, the Soviet failed in its special political agreement with Finland and violated the pact of Paris and Article XII of the

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recently supplied war material to Finland, and would have supplied more, but for the fact that the German Government made difficulties regarding transit.

Referring to the League's discussion of the question, Mr. Chamberlain said, "The attitude of His Majesty's Government has already been made abundantly clear: while strongly condemning the Soviet aggression they consider that every effort should be made to utilise the League machinery for its primary purpose, namely, a peaceful settlement of the dispute and, if that should prove impossible, for affording practical assistance to the victim of aggression."

EVENTS IN GENEVA
Mr. Chamberlain then outlined recent events in Geneva and mentioned that the League handled the appeal of Finland with the utmost speed and despatch.

He spoke on the bearing of the Finnish conflict on Britain's war aims, and said, "The opportunity provided by this conflict has been eagerly seized upon by the German propaganda machine and by the many people acting, consciously or unconsciously, in its service, to deflect attention from the primary objective of the Allied effort, which is to defeat Nazi Germany."

"We must never lose sight of that objective. We must never forget that it is German aggression which paved the way for the Soviet attack on Poland and Finland and that Germany alone, among the nations, is even now abetting, by word and deed, the Russian aggression."

ATTACK EVIL AT ROOT
"We must all give what help and support we can spare to the latest victim of these destructive forces but, in the meanwhile, it is only by concentrating on our task of resistance to German aggression, and thus attack the evil at its root, that we can hope to save the nations in Europe from the fate which must, otherwise, overtake them."

League. It also denounced unjustifiably the Treaty Non-Aggression concluded in 1932, that was to have remained in force until the end of 1945.

Referring to the Soviet refusal of the invitation to come to the council and assembly, the resolution says that the Soviet "thereby failed in one of the most essential responsibilities under the league of Nations for a guarantee of peace and the security of nations and acted as though the Council and the Assembly did not exist as far as Russia is concerned."

The resolution also declares that the Soviet attempted to justify its refusal by alleging that relations had been established with a fictitious Government that is neither in law nor fact a Government recognised by the population of Finland in the free exercise of their rights."

SOVIET BROADCAST
MOSCOW, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—Moscow attacked the League of Nations in a broadcast last night. The announcer declared that the Finnish Memorandum was full of lies and alleged that the whole affair was a political manoeuvre by Britain and France, who "carefully selected known anti-Soviet members to form the Committee."

The announcer also launched a violent attack on Sweden for the aid she is giving Finland.

REFERENCE TO U.S.
All documents connected with the League's discussions of the Finnish-Soviet conflict have been transmitted to the United States in view of the fact that that country is taking the initiative with a view to promoting a peaceful settlement.

AGGRESSION CONDEMNED
GENEVA, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—The League Assembly meeting this morning condemned Soviet aggression against Finland, and a resolution, passed by the Committee of Fourteen, which was elected to discuss the Finnish appeal, will be debated by the Council this afternoon.

The Portuguese representative stated that if Argentina had not proposed the expulsion of Russia from the League his Government would have done so.

India's delegate made an eloquent speech, strikingly denouncing Russian aggression while the Mexican representative, though opposing the expulsion of Russia, said that his Government would not stand in the way of the decision of other member States and would abstain from voting.

AID FOR FINLAND
Mr. R. A. Butler, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the Assembly that the report and resolution had the full support of the United Kingdom delegation.

In spite of the burden Britain and her Allies were bearing in the major struggle for right and law, the British Government would not excuse themselves from giving the best support to Finland in their power and were already taking certain steps to enable the Finns to obtain in the United Kingdom material required for their defences.

WANG'S PROMISE
SHANGHAI, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—Wang Ching-wei and his "peace faction" has promised not to take steps to undermine the Chinese legal tender, according to the Central China Daily News, mouthpiece of the "orthodox" Kuomintang leader.

One of the measures suggested by the paper for the prevention of further decline in the Chinese dollar is to divorce it from the pound sterling.

The paper did not mention the Federal Reserve Bank notes and the Hua Hsing Bank notes.

Lord Strabolgi Upholds Action Of British Submarine Commander In Not Torpedoing The Bremen

BRITISH PLANES FOR FINLAND

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—The Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government had decided to grant export licenses to a British firm to enable it to send aircraft to Finland.

British Submarine's Victims

U-BOAT & CRUISER DESTROYED

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—The Admiralty announces that in the North Sea, the same submarine that sighted the Bremen has sunk a U-Boat and torpedoed a cruiser. It also states that the Deptford was torpedoed by a U-Boat in Norwegian territorial waters, the third case in a few days of a violation of Norwegian neutrality by Germany.

£5,000,000 ORDER FROM ALLIES FOR U.S. PLANES

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—It is reported from New York that orders have been placed by the Allied Purchasing Commission for 470 aeroplanes.

Two hundred, valued at \$5,000,000, are to be delivered to the R.A.F.

The French have ordered 270 bombing machines of a special type with a speed in excess of 300 miles per hour.

Torpedoing The Bremen

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—No official information is yet available as to whether an attempt was made by the British submarine to take the Bremen as a prize. The German version is that the submarine attempted to attack the liner.

ACTION UPHELD

Lord Strabolgi, formerly Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, who was on the Admiralty War Staff in the last war, upholds the action of the submarine commander in not torpedoing the Bremen.

"We are fighting this war to ensure international law," he said. "If there were German aeroplanes in the vicinity the submarine could not surface and she was precluded by international law from torpedoing the Bremen out of hand while submerged."

"This shows that, as commerce controllers, submarines are unsuitable unless established international law is disregarded."

USELESS TO GERMANY

The Bremen, however, is of no more use to Germany in a

ESPIONAGE IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—Four Italians have been arrested in Liege on charges of espionage. Three of them are of German origin. They are said to have spread Nazi propaganda and to have asked soldiers, who visited the cafe owned by one of them, for information.

A raid on the premises brought to light a map and a pistol.

German harbour than she was in Murmansk. She is too large to arm as a cruiser, too expensive in fuel and too large to act as a transport.

Lord Strabolgi added that the Bremen had much in her favour in eluding British warships because of the long nights and the possibility that she was using Norwegian territorial waters.

SAFE ARRIVAL

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuters)—The Nord Deutscher Lloyd announces the safe arrival of the liner Bremen at Bremerhaven and it is claimed that another German liner, which was in New York also, reached Hamburg from Murmansk.

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1 1934 Morris Ten Saloon.

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1 1933 Wolseley Hornet 10 H. P. Saloon.

1 Chrysler Drop Head Coupe.

1 Studebaker Coupe.

1 Willys "77" Sedan.

1 1934 Open Cabriolet.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Horticultural Society will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Tuesday next, Dec. 19, at 5.15 p.m.

The following are excerpts from the annual report which will be submitted to the meeting:—

ANNUAL SHOW

The Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables took place at St. John's Place (opposite the Helena May Institute) on the 9th and 10th March, 1939, and was a great success. The number of entries also constituted a record, and extra staging had to be constructed to accommodate all the exhibits.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership roll stands at 19 life members and 223 ordinary members as against 19 life members and 232 ordinary members in the previous year. As the membership roll is decreasing each year, the Committee appeals strongly once again to all members to make an endeavour to induce as many their friends as possible, who are interested in gardening, to join the Society.

The financial state of the Society remains sound.

CHARITY BAZAAR TODAY

A charity bazaar, sponsored by the Hongkong branch of the National Women's Relief Association will be held from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay. The bazaar will be opened this afternoon by Madame O. C. Wu.

The major portion of the net proceeds will be used for purchasing winter garments to be sent to the front, while the rest will be divided into two portions, one for the Association's own relief work and the other to be donated to the Hongkong Branch of the British Relief Association.

There will be eighteen stalls comprising a variety of goods, such as children's clothing, woollen wear, knitted goods, silk dress lengths, cosmetics, toys, picture books, medicines, etc.

Various games will be held and both Chinese tea and European tea will be served on the first floor of the Club House.

The Hongkong public, including children of all ages, will be cordially welcomed to give their help toward this worthy purpose.

Members of the Burmese Goodwill Mission in Chungking will broadcast to Bhamar over the Central Broadcast Station XGOY on Sunday on the impression they have gained in their present visit to China. Although they have been in Chungking only two days, members of the Mission have gathered very favourable impression on wartime China. (Central News).

K.C. Joining Government Service

COURT TRIBUTE TO MR. H. G. SHELDON

Reference to Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., joining the Government Service as from January next, was made in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, when, before the adjournment of a case, in which he was appearing, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, said it was Mr. Sheldon's last appearance in Court and that he would like to testify in no uncertain terms to his ability as a lawyer and the assistance which he always had from Mr. Sheldon.

"I am happy that he will now be a member of the Court," said Sir Atholl, "and I wish him good luck and the success he deserves."

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., who was appearing contra in the same case, said that, on behalf of the Bar, he would like to associate himself with His Lordship's remarks. Mr. Sheldon's departure would be a serious loss to the Bar and he had always fought his cases in a very fair and thorough manner.

Mr. Sheldon arrived in the Colony in 1925 and was appointed a King's Counsel in 1937.

FAMOUS TRIAL

Besides appearing in several notable civil claims, Mr. Sheldon, with Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell (then Assistant Attorney General) conducted the prosecution in the famous Cheng Kwok-yau murder trial in 1932.

In April this year, at the Criminal Sessions, Mr. Sheldon defended a waiter, Li Ping-chun, who was charged with the murder of a Japanese, Eiyoshi Sagara, at the Cha Heung Sut Restaurant, Wanchai. After a trial lasting four days and which attracted considerable public interest, the accused was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to seven years' hard labour.

HAD \$1,000 AND YET BEGGED!

Police, on conducting a search of the residence of an elderly widow arrested for begging, discovered over \$1,000 in cash!

This amazing fact was disclosed at Kowloon Court yesterday when Leung Kiu, 58 years of age, a widow, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen on a charge of begging for food in Min Street, near Kun Chong market, on Wednesday.

Det. Sergt. Johnston, prosecuting, said that a search of Leung's residence in Canton Road resulted in finding the money. She was held on \$25 bail. Defendant was warned by the Magistrate not to repeat the offence, and was released after being cautioned.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Spr. Charles James Colebrook, Royal Engineers, Wellington Barracks, and Miss Violet Chendler, residing at the President Apartments, Kowloon;

Mr. U. King-yung, merchant, of No. 23, Canal Road West, and Miss Margaret Lim, residing at the Young Women's Christian Association;

Mr. Yue See-ching, clerk, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and Miss Lee Kiu-fong, of Chang Wo Garden, Taiipo Market;

Mr. Ng Heng-wai, goldsmith, of No. 20, Lung Kong Road second floor, and Miss Pan May-yuk, of No. 213, Tam Kung Road, ground floor;

Mr. Leung Yim-sang, merchant, of No. 793, Nathan Road, second floor, and Miss Ho Yuen-man, of No. 28, Hill Road, first floor.

BURMESE GREETINGS TO GEN. CHIANG

CHUNGKING, Dec. 14 (Central).—The Burmese Goodwill Mission has written a letter to Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek expressing admiration for China's heroic fight for "the security of mankind."

The letter says that the Burmese wish China "a happy and bright future," and hope that closer Sino-Burmese relations will be cemented.

General Yang Sen, the noted Szechwan military leader, has sent a message of condolence to the family of the late General Wu Peifu in Peiping, together with a remittance of \$5,000, says Central News.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR LASTS 10 MINUTES

The final meeting for the year of the Legislative Council, which was held yesterday, lasted only ten minutes.

NEW LEGISLATION

Four Bills were passed, namely: (1) A Bill to consolidate and amend the Prevention of Eviction Ordinances, 1938 and 1939; (2) A Bill to amend the Vagrancy Ordinance, 1897; (3) A Bill to amend further the Rating Ordinance, 1901, and (4) A Bill to amend yet further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1933.

The Council adopted the report of the Finance Committee dated December 7 and approved a resolution changing the styles of offices of the Monopoly Analyst to Government Chemist (Monopoly) and the Government Analyst to Government Chemist.

CHOLERA INCIDENCE

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked:—In view of the statement made in Government Notification No. S. 648, in the Government Gazette of December 8, 1939, to the effect that Hongkong is declared an infected port on account of cholera in the following places, namely: Bangkok, Siam, Tientsin, the Netherlands Indies, Singapore, the Federated Malay States, Amoy, Egypt, Palestine, Tsingtao, Shanghai and the Philippine Islands, will the Government state how many cases of cholera have been reported in this Colony during each of the five weeks up to Dec. 9, 1939?

GOVERNMENT REPLY

Replying, the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, said:—One case and two deaths from cholera were reported in the Colony during the week ending Nov. 10, 1939 and one further case was reported during the following week ending Nov. 18, 1939. Since then no cases of cholera have been discovered in the Colony.

THE ATTENDANCE

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, presided at the meeting, and others present were H. E. Major-General A. E. Grasett (General Officer Commanding), the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney General), the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters (Financial Secretary), the Hon. Cmdr. G. F. Hole (Harbour Master), the Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Commissioner of Police), the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke (Director Medical Services), the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purvis (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas and Mr. C. B. Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

LOCAL ESTATE

The late Mrs. Ethel Lee Fong, formerly of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, who died in Hongkong on Sept. 7, 1939, left local estate valued at \$3,200. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Mr. Fong Gon-hym, alias William Fong, Chinese Government engineer, residing at No. 360 Queen's Road West, second floor.

BURMESE GOODWILL MISSION

CHUNGKING, Dec. 14 (Central).—The Burmese Goodwill Mission had a busy round of social functions yesterday.

It was entertained by various public organisations at a welcome party in the morning. Over 3,000 people were present. Mr. Shao Li-tse, Vice-President of the China Branch of the International Peace Campaign, delivered the welcome speech.

At noon, the mission attended a luncheon party given by the Y's Men's Club.

In the afternoon, it paid respects to Chairman Lin Sen and visited high Chinese officials and the British Charge d'Affaires.

The Ministry of Education in Chungking has mapped out a comprehensive plan for the standardization of textbooks and other reading matter for college students. The Ministry is employing many experts to examine existing college textbooks published by the various publishing houses. (Central News).



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PROGRAMME FOR FINAL RACE MEETING OF THE YEAR TOMORROW INCLUDES THREE AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

(BY "LAST QUARTER")

Included in the programme of eight races down for decision tomorrow afternoon at the 13th and Final Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, are the three Autumn Champions. In two of them, the Hongkong Champions and Sub-Griffins Champions, the field will be on the small side and the winners are more or less certain, but in the remaining classic, The Queensland Autumn Champions, there should be at least seven or eight starters and a very keen race should be the outcome.

The main attraction to-morrow, aside from the above events, will undoubtedly be the Daily Double. The races concerned are the fifth and seventh, confined to "B" and "C" Class China ponies respectively, and it will be extremely difficult to spot the winner in either event.

In addition, the pool will be augmented by the \$7,500.00 carried over from the last meeting, when punters failed to select the Chatterbox/Ajax combination. Punters are certain to concentrate on the Double to-morrow and it would be advisable to make bets as early as possible to avoid the crush at the counters when the "red light" is switched on.

HONGKONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

If there is any truth in the rumour that Eve of Harvest will not start in this opening event, Confusion Bay will have no opposition whatever. As a matter of fact, the Sassoon candidate, even if started, cannot hope to beat the Dunbar representative. Confusion Bay is in excellent condition and on Tuesday morning covered the six furlongs in effortless fashion in 1.35-2/5.

I have been given to understand that Hectic View will start and that Galaxy will be the remaining one to make up the field. The latter should finish second.

LAGGARDS' HANDICAP

I think Pumpernickel should win his first race here in spite of the weight, 160 lbs. He is as fit as when he last raced and besides the opposition being weaker, the six furlongs should suit this candidate perfectly.

The one that will need watching is Brutus, particularly if Mr. Ph is in the saddle. Dick Turpin should run well and at least secure a place. Heinz and Macquarie River are fair outsiders with my preference for the former.

DILATORY HANDICAP

This consolation event for subs of this season that have not won more than \$1,000 in stakes should be fought out between Gog, Smiling Time and Matador. The former is nicely weighted and with a pull of 23 lbs. from Smiling Time, is as good a selection as anything else in the race.

Matador must also be seriously considered. If Gog displays the same form as in his two previous outings when he finished well up, I think the order of the finish will be: Gog, Smiling Time and Matador.

Among the remaining entries, Geordie and Heddon are about the best but I cannot see them being worth following unless as rank outsiders. Heddon failed dismally last Wednesday morning in his trial gallop.

HONGKONG SUB-GRIFFINS AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

Once again there should be no difficulty in nominating the winner in this event as King Kong is outstanding amongst this year's subscription griffins. Celtic Star does not appear as fit as when he raced in the St. Leger and it will therefore not surprise me to see Musketeer finish behind King Kong.

It may be possible that Strathbannock may give Celtic Star a fight for the minor position. I do not anticipate any more starters, but in case I am wrong, I feel that they can be safely left alone, as they will be absolutely outclassed. Marksman has been sent out to graze and will enjoy the rest.

TARDY HANDICAP

Potentate galloped so well on Wednesday morning that I honestly believe he has an excellent chance in this mile race despite the fact that he is a second section pony. Both Humdrum Eve (168 lbs.) and Jennifer (167 lbs.) are quite fit and should run well even at the weights. For those who are looking for a big dividend I recommend New Star and Just In Time.

It has also been whispered to me that Lancashire Lass is the good thing, but I think this grey may find the distance just a shade too

intely, but have it on good authority that this will be Mr. Encarnacao's mount. Triumphant Day (Liang) should not be neglected if the going is heavy. Tornado Star (S. W. Pan) will probably also go to the post but I am not impressed with this chestnut's chances.

LAST CHANCE HANDICAP

This is a mile race for "C" Class China Ponies and incidentally, the second leg of the Daily Double. If one were to rely solely on training performances, the logical one to follow is Dawn Star, on account of the excellent training gallop last Wednesday. Tuxing Master is my next choice, as this chestnut is a game racer and was fast catching up Rose Flana when this latter pony won at the last meeting.

The Eu Tong Sen candidate is not entirely out of it and if the first half mile is not too fast this mare will be right there at the finish. Boolat Bay and Galveston Bay are others that should make an impression. Tampa Bay is an outside bet. This race, in my opinion, is going to be a close affair and I will wait until to-morrow to make my selections.

FINALE HANDICAP

Night View's gallop over six furlongs in 1.39 earlier this week was done in such a convincing manner that I think this black should win in spite of carrying top weight. Piet Heir is in fairly fine fettle and with Gold Coin should secure the remaining two places. Valorous has an outside chance.

My final selections will appear tomorrow morning.

MIDDLESEX REGT. INTER-COMPANY BOXING

The First Battalion The Middlesex Regiment will hold an Inter-Company (Novices) Team Boxing Tournament, at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, commencing at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next, Dec. 18, 19 and 20.

Prices of admission: \$1 and 50 cents.

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB WIN

An inter-club chess match was played at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday evening. Kowloon Chess Club emerging victorious over the Victoria Chess Club, their hosts, by four games to two.

Wins for the Kowloon Chess Club were recorded by D. E. de Carvalho over Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, H. W. Randall over A. Brooksbank, A. Kurrik over C. E. Moore, and A. Y. Birlukoff over A. L. Glanville.

For the Victoria Chess Club, E. Zimmer beat B. D. Evans and E. C. Field beat P. A. Yvanovich. Neither of the two clubs were at full strength, notable absentees being K. M. A. Barnett (Kowloon) and R. S. Harrison (Victoria).

HUNT FIXTURES FOR 1940

Thirty-three days' racing under National Hunt Rules have been arranged for January and February next year, and further fixtures will be announced in the "Racing Calendar" in due course.

Two meetings will take place on New Year's Day—at Manchester and at Plumpton. Racecourses included in the list, at which there have been no war meetings previously, are: Nottingham, Fontwell Park, Worcester, Stratford-on-Avon and Ludlow.

List of meetings arranged so far is:

JANUARY

1—Manchester and Plumpton.
5, 6—Gatwick.
8, 9—Leicester.
12, 13—Haydock Pk.
15, 16—Nottingham.
20—Wetherby.
24, 25—Cheltenham.
26, 27—Windsor.
29—Fontwell Pk.

FEBRUARY

2, 3—Gatwick.
5—Plumpton.
8—Worcester.
9, 10—Haydock Pk.
12, 13—Leicester.
16, 17—Windsor.
19—Fontwell Pk.
21, 22—Newbury.
24—Stratford-on-Avon.
26, 27—Nottingham.
29—Ludlow.

FRIDAY'S MENU

BREAKFAST

Pineapple
Cereal
Calf Brains
Muffins
Coffee

LUNCHEON

Fruit Cocktail
Red Cabbage Salad
Baked Fish
Tomato and Mushroom Sauce
Baked Potato
Green Peas
Stewed Celery
Apple Pie
Cheese
Tea

DINNER

Creem of Asparagus Soup
Potato Salad
Creamed Beef
Chilli Beans
Creamed Spinach
String Beans
Caramel Custard
Cake
Coffee

COLONY HEALTH

Sixteen cases of tuberculosis, four cases of diphtheria and two cases of small-pox were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 13.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. PROFIT

The report of the Directors of the China Light and Power Company, Ltd. for the year ended September 30, to be presented at the 21st ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders at St. George's Building on December 22, states that profit on working account amounts to \$3,045,551.

The net profit after deducting transfer fees and allowing for Directors' and Auditors' fees and depreciation is \$1,136,816. With \$104,688 brought forward from last year, there is \$1,241,504 available for appropriation, less \$60,000, being the amount written off the late General Managers' Rights.

The Directors recommend the declaration of a dividend of 50 cents per share on the Old shares and proportionate amounts on the 1939 issue shares, absorbing about \$1,063,485. It is proposed to transfer \$25,000 to contingency reserve and carry forward the balance, amounting to about \$22,819.

The retiring Directors are Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., who offer themselves for re-election.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

NORTHBOUND

Friday: Bangkok, Hanol, Hongkong.
Delphinus—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Sunday: Hanol, Bangkok, Denebola—7 a.m.

Air France

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanol, Hongkong.
Service—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Thursday: Hanol, France.
Service—6 a.m.

Pan American Airways.

EASTBOUND

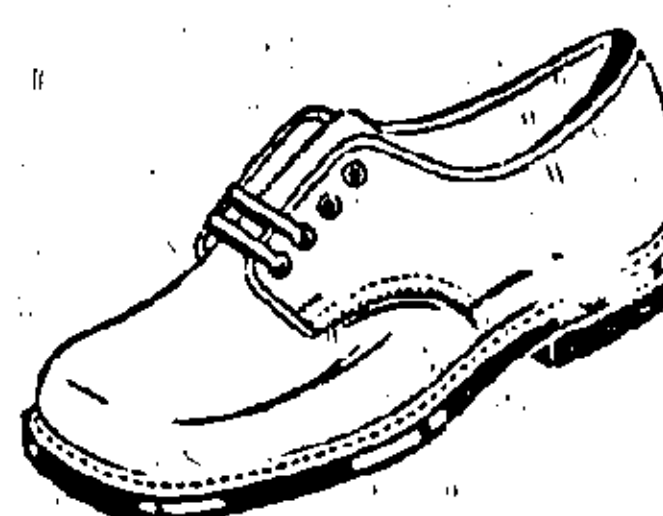
Monday: U. S. A., Manila, Hongkong.
China Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Tuesday: Manila, U.S.A.
China Clipper—3.30 a.m.

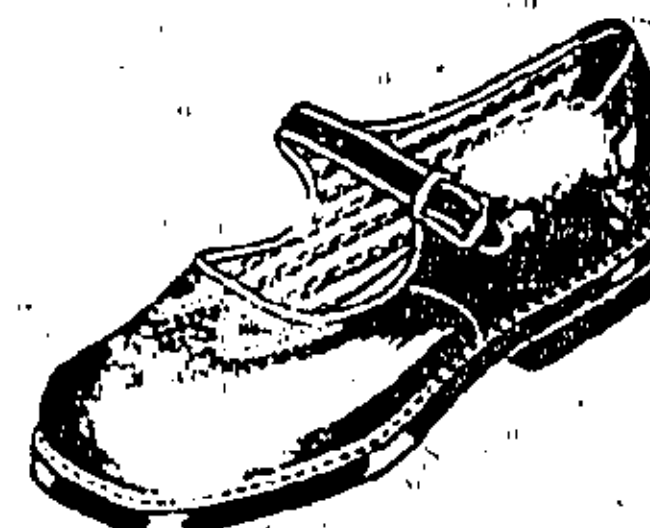


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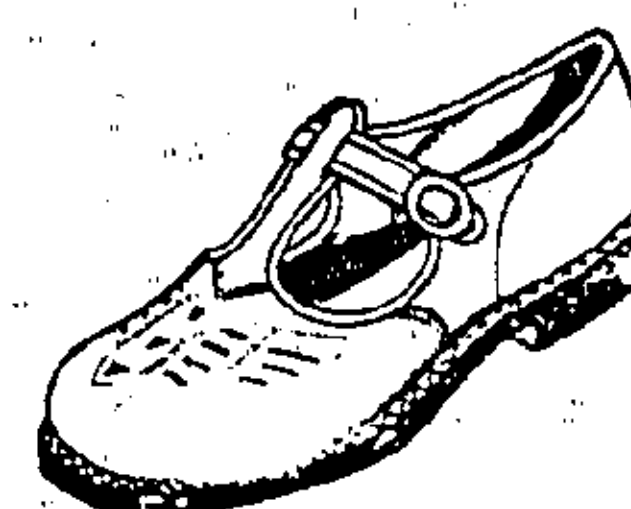
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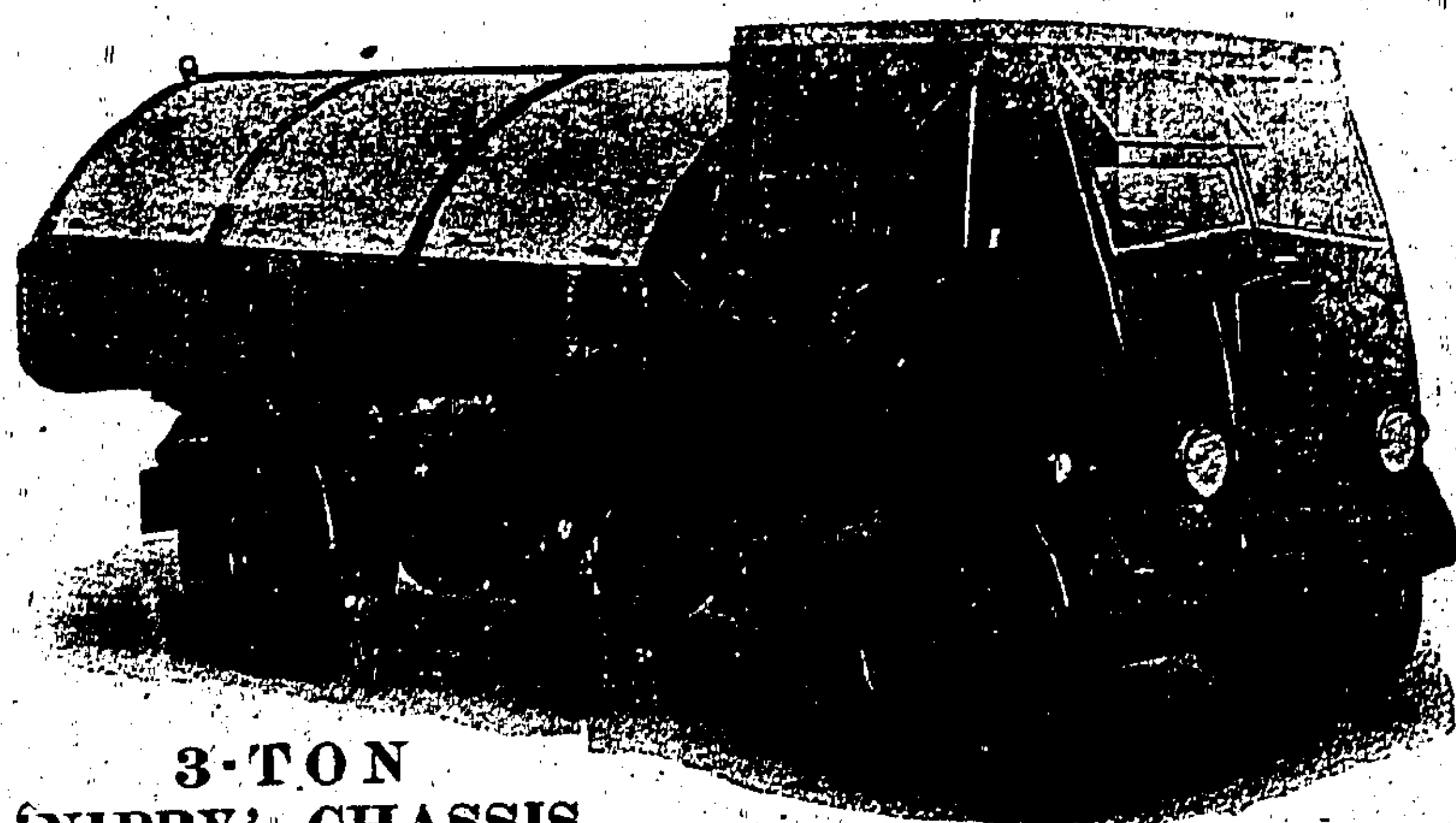
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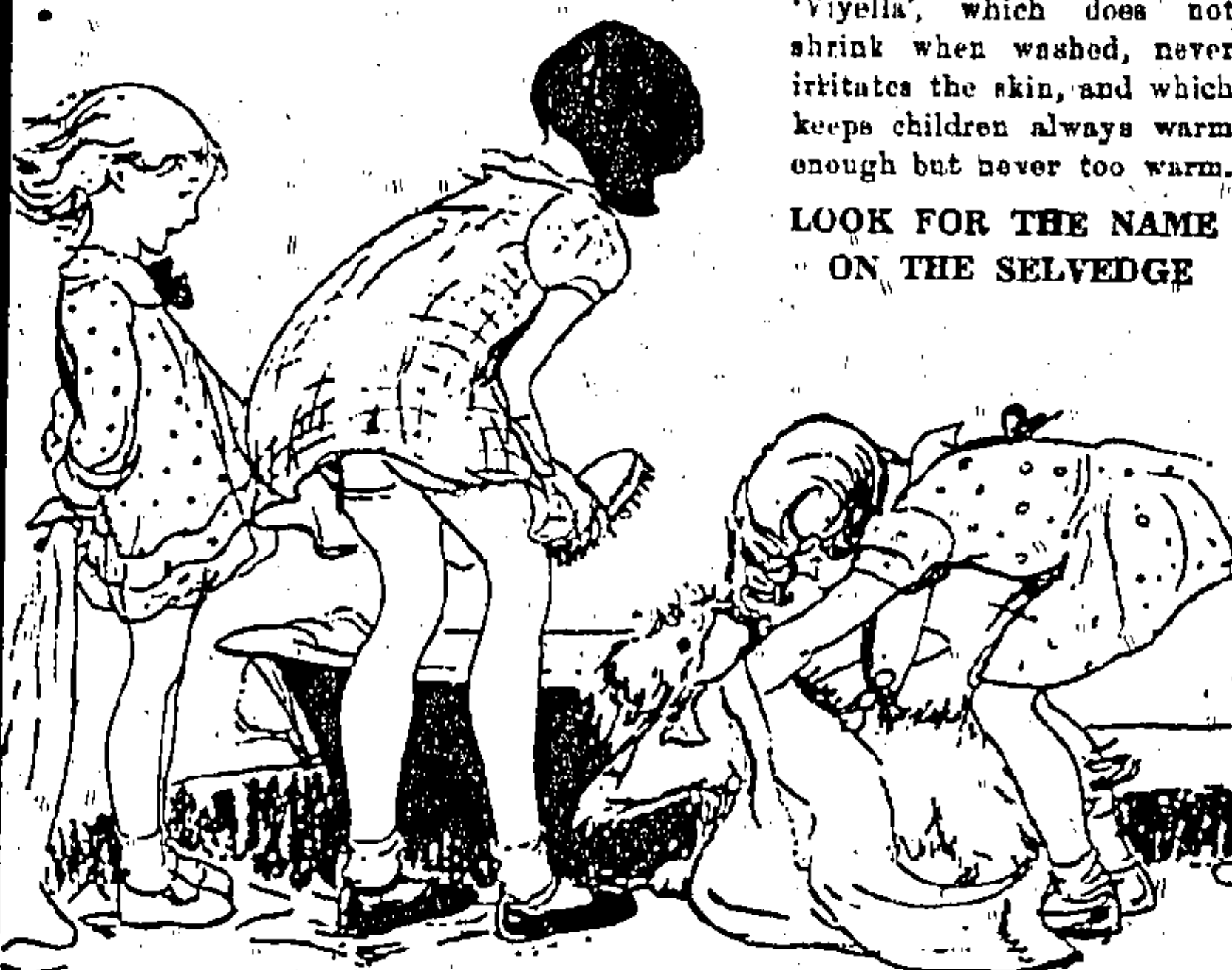
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X'MAS PRESENTS

A YOUNG BUSINESS girl requests advice concerning the Christmas present for a male acquaintance. Should she give the man whom she has known for a year, a gift and what type? Or should she merely send a card.

UNLESS YOU ARE QUITE FRIENDLY with the man and have accepted courtesies from him during the past year, I suggest you definitely send a greeting card. You could invite him to dinner during the holidays or take him to a party as your escort. However, if you are sure of your position with this man and the circumstances warrant a gift not too personal, a key ring, a pen, a pencil, a gift excluding wearing apparel and not too costly would be quite proper.

IT ALL DEPENDS

TWO SISTERS WISH to entertain with an informal party on Christmas eve night; however, their parents suggest another evening during the holiday season and they have presented the question asking for outside opinion.

IT ALL DEPENDS exactly what type of entertainment you are planning. If it is cocktails from 8 to 9, a late afternoon tea, then would be quite alright. However, if you intend using the whole evening for your party, I think it would be more advisable to select 10 nights before Christmas or later. The majority of people consider Christmas eve a personal celebration to be spent with their families or in the home, there is really so much to be accomplished at the last minute particularly if there are children in the home.

Therefore, many of your friends would not be able to attend and your social affair might not be as gay or complete.

IN A SPOT!

"SNOWED-UNDER" WRITES an amusing letter relating her difficulties with two escorts for the same evening and social engagement. The evening was a complete "flop" in her estimation, because she does not feel capable of entertaining two males at one time for several hours. What do you do when you are in such a spot, is the moan?

HONGKONG is a good training ground for this sort of complication; men are constantly waiting there are not enough women to "go round," and there are ways of getting by in such a predicament. Never show partiality between the two, pay attention to both. Start the conversational ball rolling by introducing subjects which are interesting to both escorts. Your cue is to keep quiet and be very attentive putting in a word now and then. If you are returning home after the "engagement of three," see that both escorts accompany you, don't make the mistake of selecting one to see you to your door. In such circumstances, young lady, you are the one to do the entertaining and you probably don't have an outstanding good time unless the men are intimate friends.

DOING THEIR BIT

DEAR FAITH PRIOR: We wish to do our bit for our soldiers in Europe and contribute to the other organizations working in their behalf. I have suggested to my family that commencing the Sunday before Christmas and for the following week we institute the

STYLES IN HOLLYWOOD



Blazer stripes—walnut brown shading through rust to beige—for this new fall coat modeled by Jean Parker. The stripes are matched chevron style to make the sleeves. Note back fullness, military collar. The broad-brimmed hat, with pleated crown, is walnut brown suede. She also wears, at right, a Yolanda creation of black Blacini pebbled crepe, with black patent-leather belt, shoes and hat; handbag and gloves brilliantly red. It's for Fall, which Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy both do, for Miss Parker in "The Flying Deuces," produced by Boris Morros for RKO Radio.

FUNDAMENTALLY FORMAL

The Christmas and New Year season is the most glamorous holiday time of the year. Dinner, theatre, dancing, and various other social activities crowd the hours with merriment and gaiety. And with this mood and spirit the costumes must be in accord, no frock of better days will do, new creations which glitter and radiate your personality are the style.

Therefore, particularly this year where styles for such events have undergone a drastic change, attention should be paid to your formal evening attire.

FIRST PLACE

GOLD for evening is outstanding and holds first place. Formal dancing frocks of gold cloth, metallic, satin, crepe and even wool. Other colours may be combined but don't forget your touch of gold. Costume jewelry is gold, sometimes including precious stones, pearls, however, plain gold jewelry is right style.

ANOTHER FUNDAMENTAL of your formal attire is the cut of the model. The straight and narrow frock style is very popular for dancing in crowded places. Shoulders and arms are covered in both dining and dancing costumes, more than in past years, it is a decided change but most exotic and sophisticated. The full skirt is quite popular and drapes or bustles are still favoured. You have a definite choice in formal evening styles, but be sure the selection compliments you.

DINNER SUITS

DINNER SUITS are certainly back in the fashion parade, and they have become popular with a vengeance. Black is the outstanding shade, there is usually a matching jacket, coat or cape and a daring hat. With this type of formal attire the cut of the frock must be faultless and the trim rich bright and highly interesting. You will see these suits and note how extremely chic they are beside being very appropriate for hotel dining with dancing and the theatre.

"money pig" in our home. It is the bank pig where you put in your coins. We could have this in our home and see that all visitors contribute something. There will be several parties in our house and it would be a charity made amusing. At the end of the week the contents in "Mr. Pig" would be turned over to the B.W.O.F. Do you think it would be out of place or resented? Miss Suggestion.

DEAR MISS SUGGESTION: I think your idea most amusing and quite good and I am sure you will collect a nice sum. I agree with

Men won't believe the new hat styles of this winter! They laugh, cringe, make derogatory remarks or just run away, but then these poor creatures of civilisation can't be expected to understand the millinery story—look at the hats they wear!

A SENSATION

PHENOMENAL is a mild word for the raging success of snoods, a decided new treatment in the millinery styling. They are a sensation and practically every feminine head in the country has worn one of some variety. Long haired women love them for their neatness. They also protect coiffure in the evening and they are generally becoming. Naturally, some garden-variety snoods are past their prime now, but their offspring live on. You find the velvet, crepe, felt, ribbon, veil and wool snood being worn by all types and for various occasions.

BIRDS POPULAR

THIS WINTER the birds are, indeed, popular and you are a lucky one if you can afford a hat of feathers. Gold feathered evening and dinner hats are ultra smart. However, give two thoughts to the bird in your hat, it might be whole, or perhaps head, breast, wing, or tail feathers. Ostrich turns new tricks and plumes are making many women's heads fascinating. Even the barn yard

you it is "painless charity" and an excellent means of doing your share. Don't fail to inform your guests that your "pig bank" is for war charities in fact, have such information inscribed on the pig or a card attached, for people are queer at times and you would not want them to entertain any ideas other than the correct one. I wish you much success in your venture.

(Each week in this column, FAITH PRIOR answers questions of a personal nature submitted by readers of the Daily Press.)

Round The Shops

There are only eight more shopping days before Christmas! It will be your own fault if you cannot find the article you spotted in the shop window last week. Be wise and don't wait until two days before the 25th to go shopping.

SPECIAL FASHIONS

MAYOS, in the Arcade, must have been hiding the lovely new styles they are displaying for evening wear. Beautiful fabrics, dull and shimmering, rich in trimmings and each model a distinctive style. Practically every female indulges in a new formal frock at Christmas and New Year and, don't forget to shop here before you buy.

The novelty selection of costume accessories are interesting, maybe they will be just the present you have been searching for all over the town!

DISCOUNT SALE

RIVELLE, in the Arcade, is still continuing the 20 per cent. discount sale on all merchandise. And it is indeed a Christmas present to her clientele.

AN EXTRA-SPECIAL-OFFERING here is the special sale of afternoon frocks, which commence at the bargain price of \$10 and up. Evening frocks, a select group, are included in the "special" beginning in price at \$25 and up.

Particularly this year, when clothing budgets are curtailed, the gift of sporting frocks or accessories for the woman would be most welcome. For instance a handsome cashmere sweater and sport skirt, jacket, loves, etc.

LANE CRAWFORD'S selection in sport attire offers splendid and smart suggestions. Tweed skirts from \$14 up are tailored in colours, plaids and the new cyclamen and blue shades.

The wool frocks, excellent for sport and daytime wear, are lovely creations, ranging in price from \$49.50 up. The stripes, checks and novelty weaves designs make these models dresses of distinction.

Another innovation introduced in this shop is the specialised tailoring service available. An outstanding and expert Viennese woman tailor is connected with this establishment and specialises in coats and suits. This is indeed welcome news for there are always slight adjustments to be made in many costumes and the particular woman who prefers exact fitted garments will benefit greatly.

variety of bird is popular and adorns many sport models. You will note that bright plumage adorns hats of a darker shade and vice versa because the feathers this winter are definite trimmings and should be highlighted.

FUR HATS

THE REPORT is that every sixth hat is made of fur. We have already warned you that fur hats give you the label of fashionable. The selection of fur is not limited, sheared beaver, nutria, Persian lamb, mink and leopard are the most popular. However if you wish to be dashing and daring plus very smart have a chapeau or fox in silver or red, of course, be particular about the costume selected for this particular type.

THESE HATS take every shape, toque, pill-box, sailor, turban, beret are some of the newest, though the Russian cosack's style is still favoured by tall women. Little women should forget it existed. These darlings of the millinery story go with furless coats; with coats all of fur; with other fur trimmings. And this winter fur coat, hat, and muff worn all at once doesn't make too furry a costume.

BEAVERS ARE BACK

FASHION PERIODICALS report that the old-fashioned beaver felt is back on the most knowing heads in the fashion parade. Though it has not been seen here in any number, other centres hail its revival with enthusiasm.

COLOURS this year mean very little except to the individual, by that it is meant that any colour is stylish as long as it suits you, your complexion and hair, and you are not limited to one colour scheme. Have two, three and even four shades if you wish, but the sin will be if they are unbecoming and do nothing for your face and costume.

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MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT

Expanding Public Services

When thinking of the great amount of work which has to be undertaken now by municipal authorities it is quickly realised that apart from the normal increase of the services which comes from the growth of the population within the area, there is the ever-increasing demand for new facilities.

Actually, there is a third influence at work, inasmuch as the standard of the older services is being continually raised and what is good enough for one generation will certainly not meet with the approval of the next one.

That is clear in the matter of the fitting-up of domestic houses and flats, but one has only to walk through parks and open spaces to realise how universal is the urge to secure better facilities.

The arguments for the installation of these improvements is the very strong one of maintaining public health at its highest standard. That benefits have accrued from the movement is obvious when the merest glance is given to the vital statistics of the larger cities and towns, where, in spite of the great increase in the population, the general health of the inhabitants has gone forward.

EFFICIENCY
It is a matter which must always be receiving the closest attention of those upon whom devolves the responsibility of seeing that the public health is maintained at its best; overseas municipalities with their growing townships are as much concerned in this movement as are those in the homeland.

Indeed they are often in an advantageous position, as they are not hampered with out-of-date equipment, which has not been

sufficiently used to be written-off as worn-out, and so can afford to install the highly efficient plant that is now available.

What is very important to remember is that the schemes and systems have all been subjected to full-scale practical tests, so that there is no question that proper results will be secured even though the local conditions may be particularly onerous in some respect.

Every local authority has to concern itself in some measure with road-making and road maintenance and the British plant for carrying out work of this nature is very complete. In these days the making of a new road is rendered a comparatively simple matter and that it is possible to overcome all sorts of obstacles and difficulties could hardly be better illustrated than by the great new road through East Lancashire.

Having got the road, the tasks of keeping it clean and the surface in proper condition are all the easier with the capable machines that are being produced by firms who have given their attention to the matter.

SAVING MONEY
Many authorities link up with these services those of refuse collection and disposal and, once more, not only do modern systems deal with all phases of these problems most capably but many towns are able to make good use of what they collect, burning what they can and sorting the other

Finance and Commerce

RESERVE CAPACITY EXHAUSTED

GERMANY'S HUGE PRIVATE CAPITAL ISSUES

LONDON, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—The Economist draws attention to the vast increase of private capital issues in Germany since the outbreak of war. The total of industrial capital issues since the end of August, considerable exceed £600,000,000 for the railways, whereas, for the whole of the year 1938 private industrial issues only amounted to £107,000,000.

CAPITAL WORKS
The Economist comments that these developments are most important as showing:

Firstly, that the existing reserve capacity of German industry is almost exhausted, especially in the electricity industry and railway rolling stock. Renewals, replacements and extensions, so long delayed, are now unavoidable and will divert extensive resources to large-scale capital works.

Secondly, that the controlled policy of direct State financing of necessary industrial projects has been abandoned.

Nazi extremists are thus defeated and the capital market freed for private industrialists.

LONDON GOLD

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 183.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Dec. 13 (Reuter).
Dec. 1 Dec. 7

Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department)...	23,327	24,162
Rupee Coin and Bullion in India	6,903	6,737
Gold Coin and Bullion in India	4,154	4,154
Securities (Indian Government)	3,733	3,733
Securities (British Government)	8,250	8,250

MONTAGU'S WEEKLY SILVER REVIEW

LONDON, Dec. 13, (Reuter).
Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Company's weekly silver review states:

Following a sharp fall in the Bombay market, Indian Bazaar offerings found poor support and prices declined.

In Bombay, however, the reaction was better, with the Bazaar sending buying orders for London delivery, and prices recovered.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec. 13 (Reuter).
Silver: India bought. Business small. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.
Spot, 23-1/2d.
Forward, 23-11/16d.
NEW YORK SILVER
New York, Dec. 13 (Reuter).
Official Price, 34-3/4.
BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Dec. 13 (Reuter).
Market—Steady. Offtake 200 bars.
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LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).
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Standard, 3 months 263-1/2 264
Standard, Settlement Price 266
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The market was fairly active and prices show signs of hardening.

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Bank of East Asia, \$73.
Union Ins., \$395.
Douglases, \$714.
Docks, \$1940.
Providents, \$445.
H. & S. Hotels, \$485.
Lands, \$331.
Humphreys, \$780.
Realities, \$440.
Chinese Estates, \$102.
Tramways, \$17.
Star Ferries, \$66.
Yaumatei Ferries, \$231.
China Lights (O), \$820.
Electric, \$52.60.
Sandakan Lights, \$11.40.
Telephones (N), \$8.50.
Cements, \$16.40.
Ropes, \$51.
Dairy Farms (O), \$201.
Dairy Farms (N), \$191.
Watsons, \$870.
Entertainments, \$61.

SELLERS

H.K. Bank, \$1350.
Docks, \$19.60.
Tramways, \$171.
Telephones (O), \$251.
Watsons, \$9.

SALES

H.K. Bank, \$1340/5.
Docks, \$19.30/40.
Providents, \$44.
H. & S. Hotels, \$490.
Chinese Estates, \$103.
Tramways, \$18.70/80/17.
China Lights (O), \$84.
Cements, \$181/40/50.
Ropes, \$8.
Watsons, \$8.85.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

Atoks 18b, Antamok 15b, Baguio Gold 15b, Batong Buhay 0120b, Big Wedge 204b, Coco Grove 16b, Con. Mines 0025b, Demonstration 104b, East Mindanao 104b, I.X.L. 40b, Ipo Gold 13b, Itogon Mining 284b, Manubulo Con. 014b, Masbate Con. 104b, Mindanao Mother-lode 084b, Mine Operation 10b, North Camarines 144b, Paracale Gummaus 18b, San Mauricio 79b, Surigao Con. 154b, Suyoc Con. 131b, Syndicate Inv. 019b, United Paracale 32b.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

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Banks	10	\$1,340.00
Docks	100	19.50
Docks	600	10.40
Docks	100	10.45
Docks	100	4.90
Hotels	2,000	4.90
Hotels	870	4.90
Watsons	400	8.80
Wharves	100	102.00
Ropes	500	6.00
Ropes	500	6.00
Lights (O)	165	8.00
Lights (O)	100	8.20
Lights (O)	500	8.25
Providents	500	4.50
Trams	100	16.90

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

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		282		Do. (Lon. Reg.)			284
		8		Chartered Bank			28
		294		Mercantile Bk. "A"			284
		211		Mercantile Bk. "C"			211
\$73				Bank of East Asia	\$72		
				N. C. & S. Bank			50 cts.
				Insurance			
\$395				Canton Insurance	\$210		\$400
				Union Insurance	\$1		
				Underwriters			
				H.K. Fire	\$185		
				Shipping			
\$714				Douglases			\$71
\$80				Steamboats	\$11		\$30
\$50				Indo-China (Fre.)			\$30
				Indo-China (Def.)			\$30
				Shells			79/4
				Waterboats			\$8
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.			
\$440				H.K. & K. Wharves			\$101
\$19.30				Providents			\$4.50
				Providents (new)			
				H.K. & W. Docks			\$19.30
				Do. (new)			
				Shanghai Docks B.			\$185
				New Engineering B.			\$18.50
				Mining			
				Kailans			17/8
				Rauhe	\$10.40		\$10.40/80
				Vancouver Gold Fide			\$3
				Hong Kong Mines			
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings			
\$44	\$5	\$4.80		H.K. Hotels	\$4.70		
\$331				H.K. Lands			\$331
				Do. 4% Debentures			100/7
\$100				Shanghai Lands B.			
\$10.40				H.K. Realities	\$4.35		
\$4.40				Humphreys			\$7.90
\$7.80				Chinese Estates			
\$102				Cotton Mills			
				Ewo. (S.)			\$284
				Shal. Cotton (S.)			\$152
				Zooing Bins (S.)			\$42
				Wing On Textiles (S.)			\$100
				Public Utilities			
\$164				Tramways	\$1.4		\$8
				Park Trans (old)			\$4
				Park Trans (new)			
\$28				Star Ferries	\$87		
\$224				Y'mati Ferries	\$234		
				Do. (new)			
\$8				China Lights (O)	\$8		
\$4				China Lights (New)	\$4.55		
				China Lights Rts.			
\$54				H.K. Electric	\$52		
				Macao Electric			
\$114				Sandakan Lights			\$25
\$3.80				Telephones (old)	\$84		
				Telephones (new)			
				Tramways			18/6
				Tramways (old)			
				Tramways (new)			
				Industrial			
				Cald. Mng. (Ord.) B.	\$14.80		
				Cald. Mng. (Pref.) B.	\$13		
				Canton Iron	\$1		
				Cements			
				Ropes	\$5.25		
				Miscellaneous			
				Dairy Farm (Old)	\$204		
				Dairy Farm (New)	\$194		
				Ch. E. Investments			\$94
				Constructions (old)			\$11
				Constructions (new)			
				Lane Crawford			\$8
				Nanyang Tobacco	\$2		
				Watsons			\$8.55
				Ch. G.S. 1925 G.B.Ds.			47/8
				H.K. Govt. 4% Loan			100/9
				H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan			87 1/2
				H.K. Wing On			441
				S'hai Wing On			\$10
				Vibro Piling			\$84
				Marmans Inv. (Lon.)			
				Marmans Inv. (H.K.)			
				Wm. Powell			\$1
				Sales to Shanghai			

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
DECEMBER 14 1939

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight 1/2 1/4	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 31 1/2	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On India:—	
On demand 103 1/4	
Telegraphic Transfer. 82 1/2	
and demand 82 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 3/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 23 1/2	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 46 3/8	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 100	
Credits 4 months' sight 114 1/2	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 106 1/2	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48 3/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149 1/2	
Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate 1/4	
Bar Silver per oz. 33 1/2	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 1/2 for Ready and 23 11/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported India as having bought. The market was steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 393 3/4.

Market
Dull.
Sterling
There were sellers at 1/3 Dec./Jan. and 1/23 1/2 May, buyers at 1/3 1/2 Cash and 1/3 March.

U.S. Dollars
Sellers at 24 9/16 Cash, 24 1/2 December and 24 3/8 January, buyers at 24 5/8 Cash, 24 1/2 January.

Shanghai Dollars
There were sellers during the early part of the morning at 320 subsequently sellers were quoted at 317. At 1 p.m. the market closed with sellers at 327 for Spot.

Shanghai Market
Sterling opened with sellers at 4 1/4 1/4. Later the rate rose to 4 1/2 1/4 and at the close sellers for Spot were quoted at 4 35/64. U.S. Dollars. There were sellers for Spot at the opening at 7 19/32 subsequently the rate rose to 7 21/32. At the close sellers for Spot were quoted at 7 7/16.

Afternoon Market
The market was quiet in the afternoon.
Sterling
There were sellers at 1/3 Dec./Jan. and 1/23 1/2 May, buyers at 1/3 1/2 Cash, 1/3 March.

U.S. Dollars
Sellers at 24 9/16 Cash, 24 1/2 December and 24 3/8 January, buyers at 24 5/8 Cash, 24 1/2 January.

Shanghai Dollars
Sterling. Sellers for Spot at 4 35/64 and U.S. Dollars 7 7/16.

Shanghai Exchange
Shanghai, Dec. 14 (Reuters).
Official T.T. Rates
London 0/4-1/4
New York 6-7/8
Japan 29-1/4
India 23-1/2
Paris 3-11
Hongkong 28-1/4

Sellers
Opening Closing
Spot 0/4-41/64 0/4-35/64
Dec. 0/4-41/64 0/4-35/64
Jan. 0/4-5/8 0/4-33/64

U.S. Dollars
Spot 7-19/32 7-7/16
Dec. 7-9/16 7-13/32
Jan. 7-15/32 7-5/16

Market:—Quiet.
Merchant Rates
Sterling 0/4-17/32
U.S. Dollars, 67-3/8.

Calcutta Exchange
Calcutta, Dec. 13 (Reuters).
T.T. on Japan, 80-3/4.

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, Dec. 13 (Reuters).
Government 3 1/2 Rupee, 87-12-0 nominal.

New York Exchange
New York, Dec. 13 (Reuters).
T.T. on London (Opening Rate), 3.93

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(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

SINGAPORE RUBBER			
	Dec. 12	Dec. 13	
S P O T	39-1/2	40 cts.	up 1/2
JAN-MARCH	38-1/2	39	up 1/2
APRIL-JUNE	38-3/8	37	up 5/8

LONDON RUBBER			
	Dec. 12	Dec. 13	
S P O T	11-7/8	11-15/16	up 1/16
JAN-MARCH	12	12-1/16	up 1/16
APRIL-JUNE	11-15/16	11-15/16	unch.

After ruling firm on outside buying, the market reacted on the cessation of this demand, after which the market was quietly steady.

NEW YORK COTTON: Continued general demand advanced prices easily and the market was strong due to the strength of the December position. Trade shorts continued to be good buyers of near months, while offerings were scarce due to the firm attitude of the growers.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Prices advanced on good factory and foreign buying which absorbed a sizable amount of December offerings. Shipments were light and at higher prices.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Nearby positions have further strengthened. Good milling demand reflects the strength of cash markets. A large scale purchase by the Finnish Government is reported to be under negotiation. Unfavourable crop news is unchanged.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 146.93; Today's close, 148.94; Change, up 2.01.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	11.28	10.86	10.77	11.22 45 up
New York Rubber, Mar.	19.67	19.42	19.41b	19.53 12 up
Chicago Wheat, May	100	96 1/2	95	99 1/2 4 1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May	57 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	57 1/2 2 up
New York Hides, Mar.	15.50	15.34	15.29	15.34 14 up
NEW YORK COTTON				
December	11.08/09	11.28/28	11.56/56	48 up
January	11.05/05	11.27/27	11.45/45	40 up
March	10.77/81	11.00/01	11.22/28	45 up
May	10.46/47	10.72/73	10.88/90	42 up
July	10.05/10	10.31/33	10.50/50	45 up
July (New contract)	10.28N	10.60/65	10.74/74	45 up
October	9.58/58	9.90/92	9.95/90	37 up
December	11.21 N	11.66 N	11.66 N	45 up
Volume (in contract of 100 bales each)	229,500	312,300 bales		

Note: December cotton, last notice day—15/12/39.
NEW YORK RUBBER
December 20.48/48 20.55/55 12 up
March 19.41b/45a 19.45/42 19.53/55 12 up
May 18.95/99 18.98/19.00 19.10/10 15 up
July 18.65/65 18.75/80 18.75/75 10 up
September 18.50/50 18.62/68a 12 up

Note: December rubber, last notice day—27/12/39.
Total sale for the day—3,620 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT
December 98/98a 102 1/2/102 4 up
May 95/95a 98 1/2/97 1/2 3 1/2 up
July 92 1/2/93 94/95 97 1/2/97 1/2 4 1/2 up

Tuesday's sales—23,697,000 bushels.
CHICAGO CORN
December 53 1/2/53 1/2 55 1/2/55 1/2 1 1/2 up
May 55 1/2/55 1/2 55 1/2/55 1/2 2 up
July 55 1/2/55 1/2 55 1/2/55 1/2 2 1/2 up

WINNEPEG WHEAT
December 80 1/2/81 82 1/2/83 83 1/2 b 2 1/2 up
May 84 1/2/85 87 1/2/87 1/2 3 up
July 86/86 88 1/2/88 1/2 2 1/2 up

NEW YORK HIDES
March 15.29/29 15.40/41 15.43/43 14 up
June 15.58/59 15.72/72 15.70/72 12 up
New York, Official 34-3/4 34-3/4 34-3/4
NY-London Cross Rate 3.92-5/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, December 13.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan 3 1/2 (Red after 1952)	92-5/16
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	17
Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1998 (Brit. Issue)	55
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	47
Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	25
Chinese 5% Reor'd. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 3% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Wickers)	12
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	55
Tonan Rly. 5%	15
Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911	17
Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	15
ang Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	18
Shai-N'king Rly. 5%	20
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	14
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	48
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	55 1/2
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924	5
Chartered Bank	8
H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	82
H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.)	85
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	17
hosen Corporation	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	1/6
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	13
Shai Waterworks "A"	12
Union Insurance	23
Gula Kalumpung Rubber Allied Ironfounders	21/10 15
Asso. & Elec. Industries	39/1 1/2
Austin Motors, ord.	17/9
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.	57 1/2
B.-A. Tob. (bearer)	89/4 1/2
Mercantile Bank	11 1/2
Camell Laird, ord.	8/6
Mexican Eagle	8/6
Courtaulds	35/7 1/2
Distillers	60
Dunlop Rubber	28
Gen. Electric (England)	—

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
QUOTATION

STOCKS			
	Last Sale	Dec. 13	
Adams Express	8 1/2		
Allegheny Steel Co.	22 1/2		
Allied Stores	9 1/2		
Allis Chalmers	39		
Aluminium Ltd.	96		
Amercan Corp.	112 1/2		
Amer. Can.	32		
American Cyanamid B	2		
Amer. & Foreign Pwr	25 1/2		
Amer. Gas & Elec	38		
Amer. Locomotive	22 1/2		
Amer. Metals Co.	24 1/2		
Amer. Radiator	8 1/2		
Amer. Rolling Mill	17		
Amer. S'ing and Ring Co.	5 1/2		
Amer. Sugar Refining	21 1/2		
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	170 1/2		
Amer. Tobacco "B"	83 1/2		
Amer. Waterworks	11 1/2		
Anacosta Copper	31 1/2		
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	24 1/2		
Auburn Motors	2 1/2		
Baltimore & Ohio	6 1/2		
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2		
Barnsdall Oil	12 1/2		
Bendix Aviation	30 1/2		
Bethlehem Steel	83 1/2		
Billing & Co.	15		
Boeing Airplane Co.	23 1/2		
Borg-Warner	24 1/2		
Biggs Manufacturing	22 1/2		
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	14 1/2		
Brooklyn-Manhattan \$6	50 1/2		
Canadian Pacific R'way	5		
Case J. I.	73		
Celanese	29		
Chesapeake & Ohio	40 1/2		
Chrysler Corp.	88 1/2		
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	47 1/2		
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	82 1/2		
Columbia Gas & El.	6 1/2		
Columbia 6% "A" pt.	85		
Commercial Credit Co.	45 1/2		
Com. & Southern (ord)	11		
Commonwealth \$4 cum. pd.	29 1/2		
Consolidated Edison	7 1/2		
Continental Can.	42 1/2		
Continental Oil	22 1/2		
Corn Products	62 1/2		
Curtiss Wright (C.)	10 1/2		
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2		
Deere & Co.	23 1/2		
Distillers Corp'n. Seagrams	18 1/2		
Douglas Aircraft	78 1/2		
Du Pont de Nemours	180 1/2		
Eagle Picher Lead	11 1/2		
Eaton Mfg. Co.	20 1/2		
Elco. Autolite	37 1/2		
Elco. Bond & Share	7 1/2		
Elco. Bond & Share \$5 pt.	57 1/2		
Elco. Bond & Share \$8 pt.	66 1/2		
Elco. Power & Light \$7 pt.	60 1/2		
Elmktote	21		
Gen. American Trans.	55		
Gen. Electric	39 1/2		
Gen. Motors	54 1/2		
Gen. Railway Signal	19		
Gen. Tire & Rubber	22 1/2		
Glidden Co.	17 1/2		
Goodrich (B.F.)	20		
Goodrich \$5 pt.	66 1/2		
Goodyear Tire & Co.	24 1/2		
Great Northern Iron Ore	18 1/2		
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	28 1/2		
Great Western Sugar	29		
Greyhound Corp'n.	17 1/2		
Hercules Powder Co.	88		
Homestake Mining	60		
International Harvester	62 1/2		
Int. Nickel	35 1/2		
Int. Tel. & Tel.	4 1/2		
Johns-Manville	75 1/2		
J. & Laughlin Steel \$7 pfd.	68 1/2		
Kennecott Copper	37 1/2		

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939			
High	Low	Low Jones Average	Change
156.92	151.44	150	Industrial
35.90	34.14	30	Bails
97.07	90.70	90	Utilities
92.22	84.51	80	Bonds
60.53	45.56	11	Commodity Index

Guinness (A) Son & Co.	78/7½
Lawker Siddeley Airc....	15
ristol Aeroplane	15/1½
perial Chemical Ind.	28/1½
perial Tobacco	117/8
arks & Sp'cer "A" ord.	51/6
olls Royce	95/7½
ayland Motors	83/1½
ate & Lyle	56/9
urner & Newall	74/1½
ilted Steel	21/4½
ethwick Drop Forg.	13/8
rmstrong Stevens, ord.	6
reased Steel, com.	14/1½
ckers, ord.	16/4½
oolworths	60/9
nglo-Dutch	27/6
ub. Plant. Invest. Trust	33/6
rms Corporation	11/6
ommonwealth Mining.	—
arman Investments...	14/6
ndfontain Estates	38/1½
estern Holdings	10/9
ib-Nigel	200
namal Gold Mining.....	3d
nglo-Iranian	52/8
ermah	60
ell Trans. & Trad.	
(bearer)	79/4½

Guinness (A) Son & Co.	78/7 1/2
Hawker Siddeley Airc.	16
Bristol Aeroplane	15 1/4
Imperial Chemical Ind.	29 1/4
Imperial Tobacco	117/8
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	51/6
Rolls Royce	95/7 1/2
Leyland Motors	83/1 1/2
Tate & Lyle	56/9
Turner & Newall	74/1 1/2
United Steel	21/4 1/2
Smethwick Drop For.	13/6
Armstrong Stevens, ord.	8
Pressed Steel com.	14/1 1/2
Vickers, ord.	16/4 1/2
Woolworths	60/8
Anglo-Dutch	27/6
Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust	33/6
Burma Corporation	11/6
Commonwealth Mining	—
Marsman Investments	14/6
Randfontein Estates	38/1 1/2
Western Holdings	10/9
Sub-Nigel	30
Tanami Gold Mining	200
Anglo-Iranian	52/6
Burmah	60
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	79/4 1/2

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Day of Week	Time	Day of Week	Time
Fr. 15	h. m. 13 37	h. m. 17 06	h. m. 17 06
Sat. 16	14 28	17 06	17 06
Sun. 17	15 15	17 06	17 06
Mon. 18	16 04	17 06	17 06
Tues. 19	16 53	17 06	17 06
Wed. 20	17 42	17 06	17 06
Thur. 21	18 31	17 06	17 06

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Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1939. [881]

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. December 14.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.34 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 48 per cent.

Wind Direction, ENE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature; maximum yesterday, 68 F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 54 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 86.70 ins.

Against an average of 84.52 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.41 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.55 a.m.

4 p.m., December 14.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.22 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 62 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 68 F.

Minimum temperature, 54 F.

Rainfall, 0.00.

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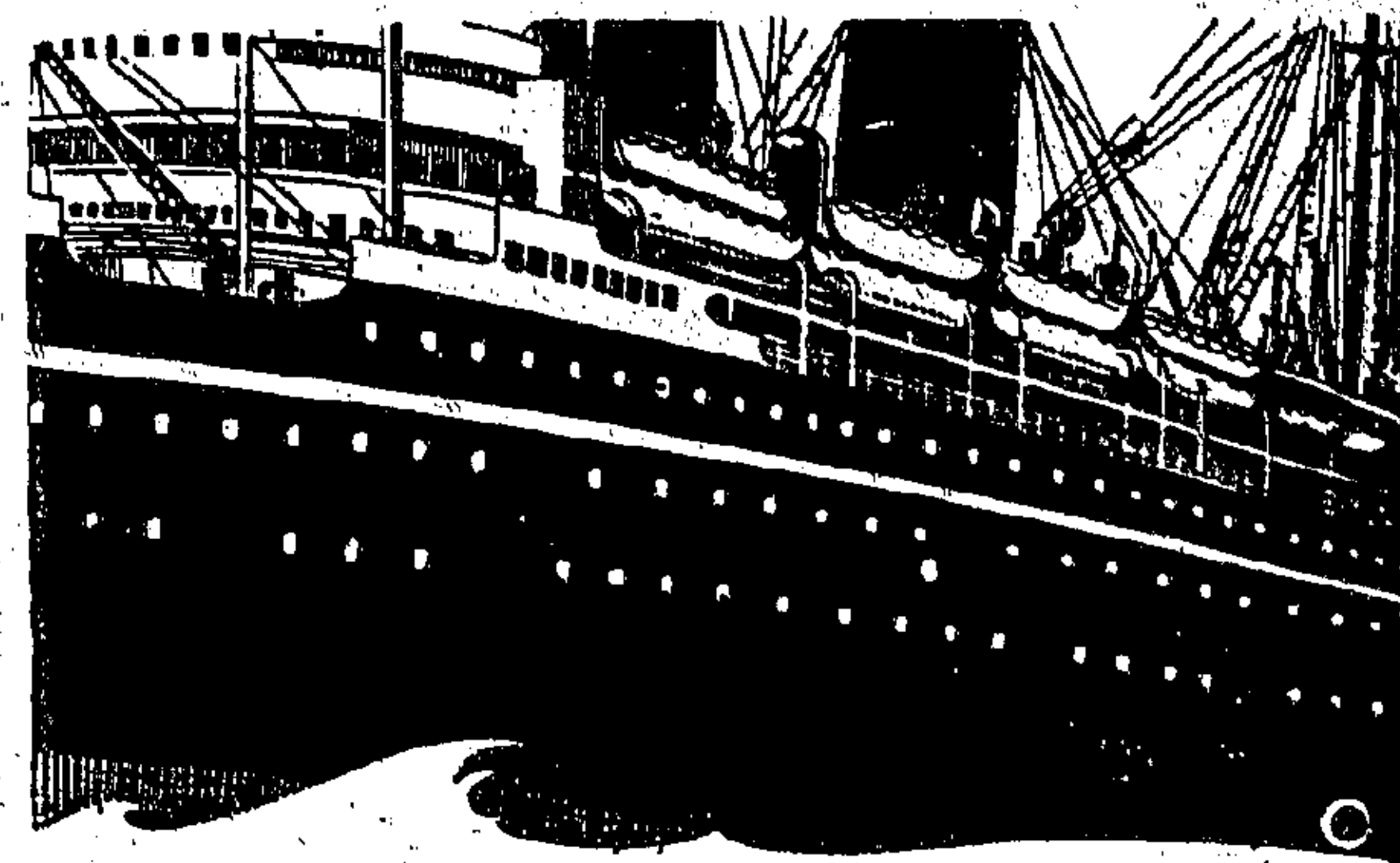
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